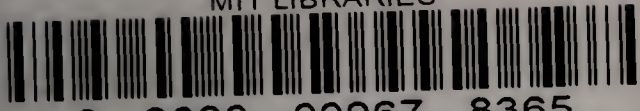


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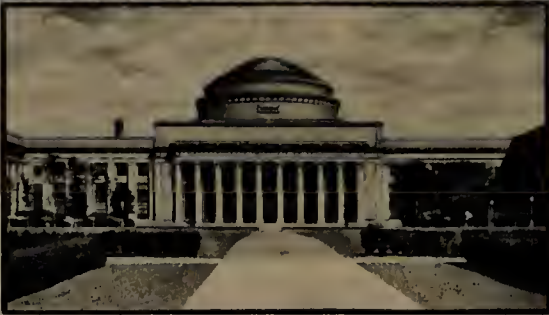
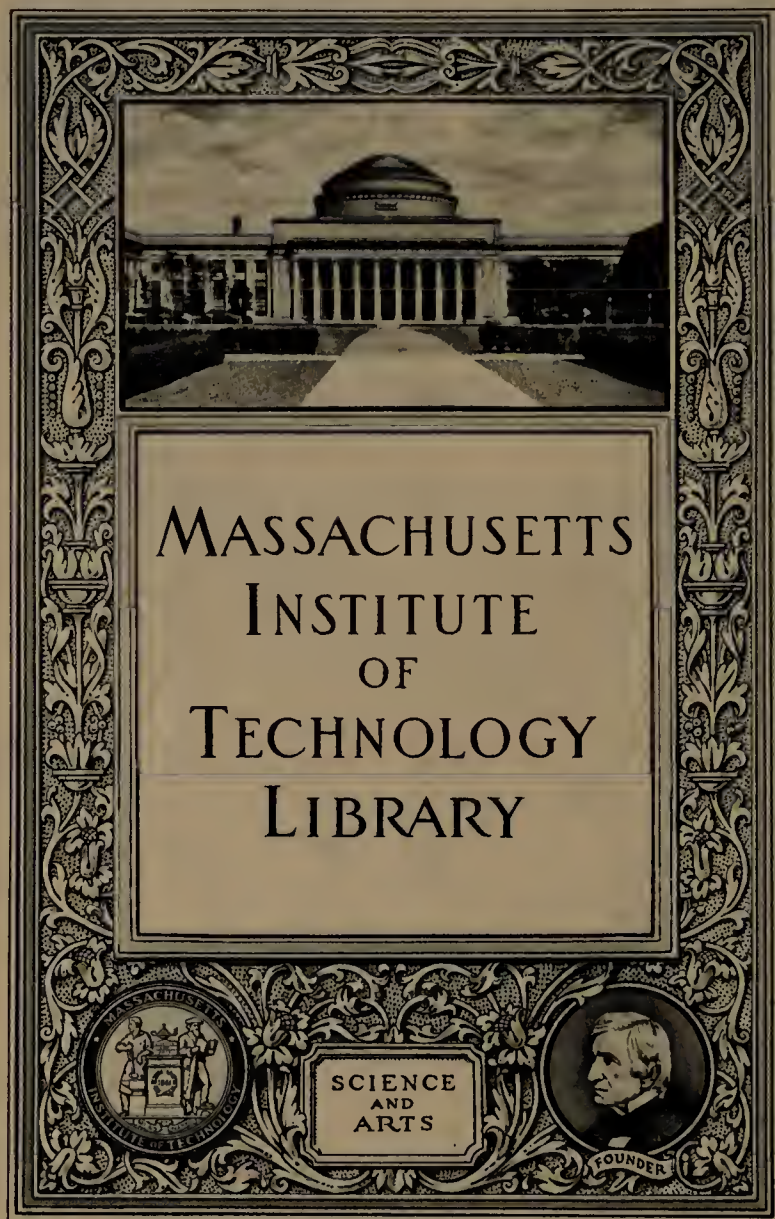
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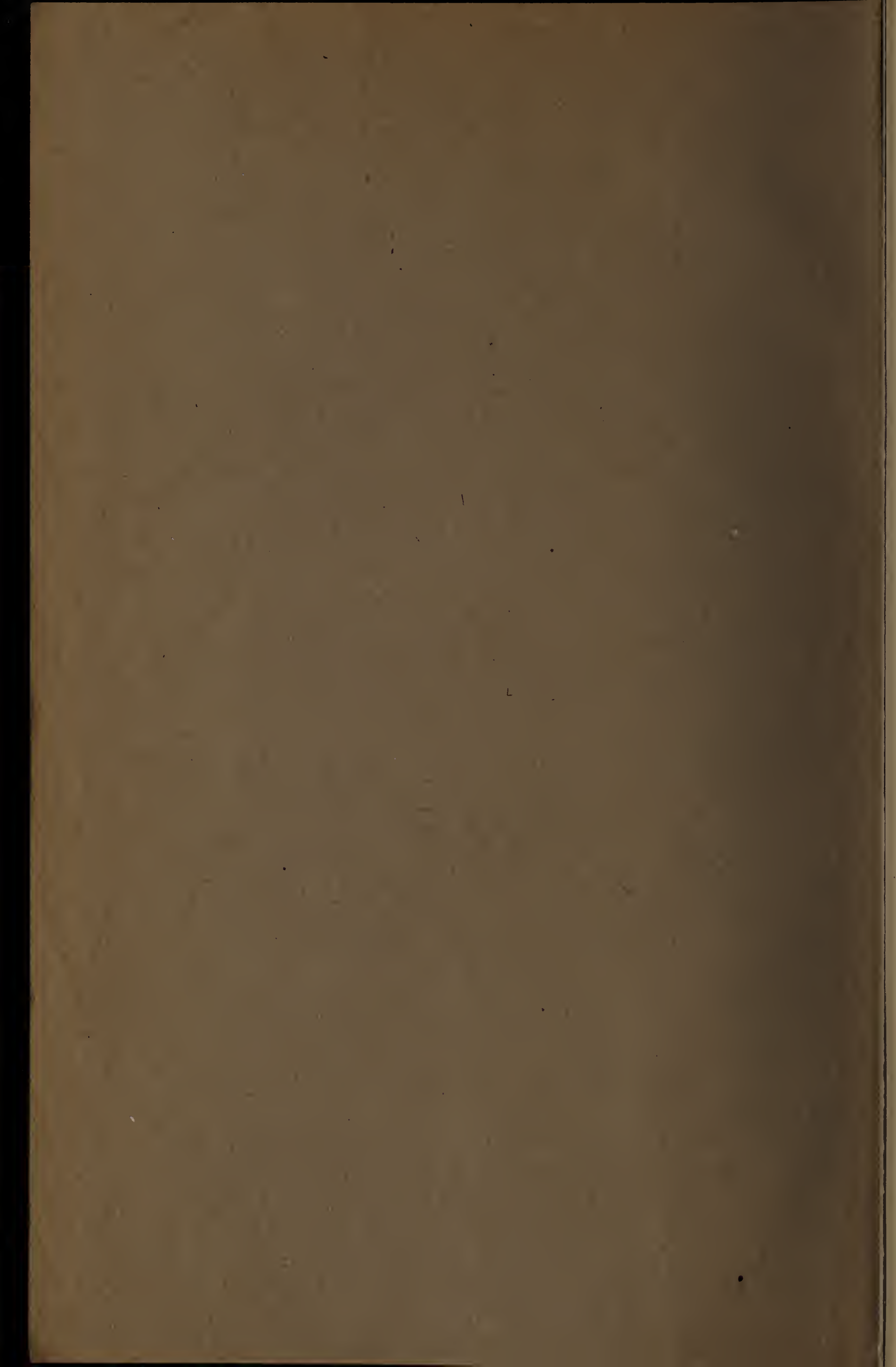


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Extracts from the War Diary of 228th Infantry Division of the German Army from October 6, 1918 to October 31, 1918

Source: Translations by Colonel George Ruhlen, U. S. Army, of true copies of the originals in the German archives.

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Current General Notations with reference to the composition of the troop detachments in the organizations. (See No. 4,—I, of the Dispositions.)

The Division was subordinate to:

From September 29 to October 2, 1918: The GROUP ORMES, Imperial and Royal XVIII [Army Corps?] (Army Headquarters 5), as Army Reserve.

From October 3 to November 11, 1918, The MEUSE Group East V. R. K. [Fifth Reserve Corps?] (see Army Headquarters V.) for substitution replacement.

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Ration Strength.

Troop Details or Administrative Bodies.	Time.	Officers etc.	NCO's. and Men	Horses
	Oct. 1, '18	37	226	80
	Oct. 11, ''	34	272	83
	Oct. 21, ''	5	270	82
	Nov. 1, ''	33	265	78

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October 7, 1918: Place and manner of accommodations: Billeting; VIT-TARVILLE. Weather: Intermittent rains.

Toward 7 P.M. Group order is received directing that the detachments of the 35th Fusilier Regiment (6 companies and machine gun companies and munition wagon companies) yet to be relieved should be held in readiness to come into action and proceed to BRANDEVILLE. The 3d Battalion, 39th Field Artillery Regiment will be assigned to those troops going into action and its staff and two batteries put in march for BREHEVILLE. There are, then, on October 8, toward 6 A.M. (see appendix and charts): 48th Infantry Regiment in the BOIS DE ROMAGNE with 115th Infantry Division; 207th Reserve Infantry Regiment in the rear of 236th Infantry Division in the RAPPENWALD (ROIS DES RAPPES); 35th Fusilier Regiment, with one battalion in the

WALDLAGER at REMOIVILLE with the remainder and two batteries of 39th Field Artillery in BRANDEVILLE. Division staff, brigade staff, pioneer commander, staff of 39th Field Artillery Regiment, at NOUZAY; two detachments 39th Field Artillery at MEUSE Group West.

Special attention invited to appendix documents and sketches.

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October 8, 1918. Place and manner of accommodations: Billeting; MOUZAY.

The night passed quietly. At 5 A.M. orders were given, in accordance with instructions to the 1st Austrian Division and inclusively to the 15th Infantry Division. At 5:20 A.M. orders were received that the several bodies of troops on the march were to be halted: that the division staff was to remain at VITTARVILLE HEIGHTS and the brigade staff at WAVRILLE HEIGHTS, since action with the 1st Austrian Division and the 15th Infantry Division was in progress. The portions of the division remaining on the West bank of the MEUSE were placed under the command of the West MEUSE Group. The parts on the East bank of the MEUSE were, at 8 A.M. as follows: 35th Fusilier Regiment, staff and three companies in the KALK OFEN LAGER (to be held there); 1st Battalion, 35th Fusilier Regiment with machine gun companies and two companies in BRANDEVILLE; the 2d Battalion in march to the WALDLAGER at REMOIVILLE, six companies already there; 3d Battalion, 39th Field Artillery Regiment with staff and one battalion at BREHEVILLE; two battalions and one ammunition column in BRANDEVILLE; First Foot Battalion 92d Artillery on the march toward BRANDEVILLE. Missing, not being found up to this time were: two machine gun companies and 2d and 3d Battalion, 35th Fusilier Regiment, and munition wagon company of 35th. They were, during relief operations, still engaged in relief work and were apparently detained. At 10:45 A.M. orders are issued from the Group Headquarters that 35th Fusilier Regiment and the 3d Battalion 39th Field Artillery Regiment were to be assembled at REVILLE in order to be there held in readiness as corps reserve. Corresponding instructions are given verbally to the formations. Since the two companies of the 35th Fusilier Regiment have not yet arrived in REMOIVILLE and are, according to the report of the battalion commander, very much exhausted, Group Headquarters was informed that these companies would not be available before 5 P.M. According to communications received from the 1st Austrian Division, the enemy's attack took place at 6 A.M. The enemy drove into the 61st Austrian Infantry Regiment. He was repulsed in the advance by the Jägers. At the 15th Infantry Division sector the enemy advanced to the SCHUPPEN RAVINE. Further attack is anticipated.

This came during the course of the day, and resulted in a withdrawal of the 1st Austrian Infantry Division to the general line of the ETZEL Position. One battalion of the 35th Fusilier Regiment was advanced to this line. The division staff was relieved at 2:30 P.M., and completed the transfer to MOUZAY directed Oct. 7, the brigade remaining at WAVRILLE HEIGHTS. Toward 5 P.M. the division commander arrived at MOUZAY. On receipt of report of his arrival by army headquarters, instructions were received from there that the division remain under the command of the MEUSE Group East; that the 207th Reserve Infantry Regiment would be transferred to the East bank (to BRANDEVILLE) and that the two field Artillery detachments (1st and 2d

Battalions) would, at the same time, be set in march to that place from the West bank of the MEUSE.

Special attention invited to appendix documents and charts.

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October 9, 1918: Place and manner of accommodations: Billeting; MOUZAY.

Weather: foggy.

By orders from MEUSE Group East, the division staff remains for the present at MOUZAY; staff of 104th Infantry Brigade, which during the course of the afternoon of October 8 had assumed command of a number of arriving reserves in the sector FLABAS, (see 102d Infantry Regiment, parts of the 32d Infantry Division and 35th Fusilier Regiment), was relieved by the 32d Infantry Division, now brought in there, and takes billets in REMOIVILLE. For strength of the several detachments see chart. At 3:30 P.M. Group order is received that the staff of the 228th Infantry Division should take quarters at REMOIVILLE in order to take over, during the course of October 10, the sector of the 1st Austrian Division. The first general staff officer is to go ahead in order to become oriented with the ground and the 1st Division.

Special attention invited to appendix documents. See records and charts.

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October 10, 1918: Place and manner of accommodations: Billeting; REMOIVILLE.

At 7 A.M. the division commander arrives at the new staff headquarters. From Group Headquarters it is ordered that the chief general staff officer and the artillery commander shall proceed, during the night, to the 1st Austrian Division. After consultation the first general staff officer did not go there until 5 A.M.

The 35th Fusilier Regiment is, during the course of the day, established after severe fighting, in the ETZEL Position. The enemy had, in severe attacks, taken SIVRY and established field works at MAGENTA and VILLENUVE FARMS. In the counterattack he was forced back and driven out of SIVRY to the general line: SIVRY—NACHET WOOD—MAGENTA FARM—HILL 371 [RICHENE]—MOLLEVILLE—JAGERBUSCH [BOIS DE LA REINE].

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October 10, 1918: Place and manner of accommodations: Billeting; REMOIVILLE.

Weather: As on the day before.

The enemy has, from 7 A.M., continued his fierce attacks on the detachments of the 1st Austrian Division; at times he succeeded, notwithstanding the most stubborn resistance, in advancing to the PANTALEON CHAPELLE. By this movement the inner flanks of the 7th Reserve Division and the 1st Infantry Division were threatened. The army reserve, 207th Infantry Regiment, stationed at SOLFERINO, then took part in the attack on its own initiative and, with a determined, skillfully executed counterattack, forced the enemy back from PANTALEON CHAPELLE. The 2d Battalion of the 207th covered the right flank of the 1st Battalion. At 12 noon the 228th Infantry Division took over the sector. There were stationed from right to left of the Southeast corner of the NACHET WOOD at the beginning: one bat-

talion 207th Reserve Infantry with three companies; the fourth company was at VILLENEUVE, held back as reserve. The 2d Battalion, originally held for flanking, was, in the course of the afternoon, withdrawn as group reserve; the 3d Battalion was also advanced to that position. The escort detachment of the regiment had taken position in the WIESSHAAR WOODS [BOIS DE SART-LE-PUITS, 2½ Km. W. of ECUREY] and assisted by timely attacks the drive against the Americans, who advanced in masses and in places in columns of groups [squads], to the attack. Toward 2 P.M. HILL 371 [RICHENE], which had been held in the manner previously alluded to by a detachment of the 1st Austrian Infantry Division under command of Lieut. Colonel Pohelin, (parts of the 5th Austrian Infantry Regiment and 35th Fusilier Regiment) had to be given up. The detachment yielded to the pressure of the enemy only after it was threatened on its right flank. In the afternoon also, the enemy again severely attacked the left wing with preponderating force; still the forcibly-led attacks resolved themselves largely into individual fights on our front lines, or were dissipated by our destructive, well-placed machine gun and artillery fire. The enemy encountered severe and bloody losses.

No infantry activity during the night. Enemy delivered desultory fire on front lines, battery emplacements and routes of communication. Our artillery delivered gas fire over knolls and heights favorable for attacks against our sectors, and desultory fire on rearward lines of communication and battery emplacements.

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Oct. 11, 1918: Place and manner of provisioning: Billeting; REMOIVILLE.

Weather: Cloudy; rains toward evening.

In the morning hours, four successive waves of annihilating fire were directed by the enemy against KRONPRINZEN and EICHEN MULDE respectively. Toward 9 A.M. the enemy delivered severe annihilating fire against HOHEN EICHENBERG. Our artillery soon after was exposed to annihilating fire against EICHENTHAL. During the remainder of the day a moderate field artillery fire interrupted our communications in the rear areas. Our artillery delivered destructive fire against assemblies in the EICHENTHAL and at the GROSSER STERN [N.W. corner MOLLEVILLE FARM clearing]. An apparently intended attack of the enemy did not, in consequence, take place. Furthermore, our artillery interrupted rearward communications of the enemy and assisted the 32d Infantry Division in its defence against an attack on its right wing. The 1st Battalion, 207th Reserve Infantry Regiment, cleared the enemy out of his position in the NACHET WOOD and drove posts forward to the fringe of the forest.

Losses since morning of October 10: 5 officers and 12 N.C.O's and men dead. 5 officers and 92 N.C.O's and men wounded. 200 missing.

Two machine gun companies, 35th Fusilier Regiment, heretofore with the division which was being relieved during the enemy's attack, have not yet arrived.

By Group order of evening October 11, the 2d Battalion, 207th Reserve Infantry Regiment, remains with Group reserve. For strength of detachments Oct. 11 see chart in the appendix. The same order directs release of all Austrian Infantry details the night of October 11-12.

Special attention invited to the documents in appendix. See also record IV.

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October 12, 1918: Place and manner of accommodations: Billeting; REMOIVILLE.

Weather: Raining.

Moderate enemy fire with large caliber guns at infantry positions and back areas. 207th Reserve Infantry Regiment clears out NACHET WOOD at day-break, especially at the Southwest corner, and drives out enemy posts which had established themselves there, and takes definite possession of the wood. Our artillery delivered late in the afternoon and at night a number of destructive waves of fire against the ravines and routes of approach of the enemy in front of the 32d Infantry Division. In his sector the night passed without the customary fire. Close combat troops of artillery, staff of 1st Austrian Field Artillery Regiment, are relieved by staff of 3d Bavarian Reserve Foot Artillery, commander Major Hereforth. For regrouping of artillery see chart and appendix. By Group order evening October 12, 84th Line Infantry Regiment is placed in readiness for action as Group reserve with one battalion [each] at REVILLE, ETRAYE and CREPION. The Landsturm Battalion Ingolstadt, less 2d Company, is placed under the command of the 228th Infantry Division as an emergency security detachment in the KREIMHILD Position of the division's sector. 48th Infantry Regiment is brought to the division at BRANDEVILLE. For disposition of the artillery and infantry see chart.

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October 13, 1918: Place and manner of accommodations: Billeting; REMOIVILLE.

Weather: Raining.

The night passed without special incident. During the forenoon the enemy abandons, on account of heavy firing, ST. PANTALEON CHAPELLE. Our infantry (207th Reserve Infantry Regiment) presses after him, takes possession of the CHAPELLE and of the rifle pits on each side. *A number of light U.S. machine guns, light 7.7 centimeter cannon, and 2 American rapid fire guns are captured.* Patrols of the 35th Fusilier Regiment at the same time ascertain that MAGENTA FARM is not occupied and that the enemy machine gun detachments formerly there have been killed by artillery fire. It is also again established that the *129th American Infantry Regiment is in our front.* The remainder of the day passed quietly. In the afternoon the Commanding General von Soden arrives from an inspection of the 35th Fusilier Regiment and 207th Reserve Infantry Regiment, for a brief conference in REMOIVILLE. 48th Infantry Regiment has arrived in BRANDEVILLE with a strength of 45 officers and 350 men. Additional 100 stragglers and such like are expected.

The new regimental commander of 48th Infantry Regiment, Major Schmidt, reported for duty with the division on October 12. By Group order of Oct. 13, Shock Battalion Rohr leaves the division organization.

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Oct. 14, '18: Place and manner of accommodations: Billeting; REMOIVILLE.

Weather: Cloudy; occasional rains.

We interrupted rear communications of the enemy by our artillery fire. Patrols of the 35th Fusilier Regiment advanced in the forenoon and ascertained that GROSSER STERN was clear of the enemy. A number of guns and papers had been concealed by him.

By Group Order of the evening of the 14th the highest state of readiness for action is ordered, since severe attacks at MEUSE West during the day indicate intention of attack by the enemy. Two battalions of the 33d Reserve Infantry Regiment are put under the command of the division and placed in position. (See document IV, appendix.) The division commander drives, in the forenoon, to the most advanced lines and inspects the infantry.

From 8 to 10 afternoon: Lively artillery fire at HOHEN EICHENBERG. Remainder of night passed quietly. Our patrols observed no special incidents. Brigade and close combat troops transfer stands [command posts?] to BREHEVILLE. For strength of infantry and artillery detachments see appendix.

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Oct. 15, '18. Place and manner of accommodations: Field kitchens; REMOIVILLE.

Health conditions: Good. Roads: Soft, soaked. Weather: Rainy.

The night passed quietly. In the forenoon, beginning at about 8:30 A.M. with a severe but spasmodic field artillery fire, the enemy later in the forenoon launched an attack against the right wing of the 32d Infantry Division. The attack, evidently intended against the entire division front, failed to develop to its entire extent in consequence of coming under our well-laid artillery fire. The enemy succeeds in penetrating the 32d Infantry Division on our left wing. The re-enforcing reserve company of the 36th Fusilier Regiment receives the thrust. In the late afternoon fighting is again resumed to gain possession of parts of the foreground. 207th Reserve Infantry Regiment and 25th Fusilier Regiment have stubbornly held their positions. For details see appendix, document VII.

Of division reserves there are in the sector: 395th Pioneer Company, (KREIMHILD Position): and 48th Infantry Regiment at ALGER FARM [2½ km. W. of ECUREY]. Of corps reserves: 2d Battalion, 33d Line Infantry Regiment and 3d Battalion of the same regiment. For points occupied see appendix charts.

By Group order of Oct. 15, the sector of the division is extended Westward. In consequence there will be assigned to the division: 69th Marschau Regiment, 2d Battalion, First and Second Machine Gun Companies Heilbronn. One battalion, 48th Infantry Regiment is to be placed in readiness as general reserve North of HARAUMONT.

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October 16, 1918:

Weather: Rainy. REMOIVILLE.

Night passed quietly. Enemy fire began at 9:30 A.M. with great severity on the front of 35th Fusilier Regiment and in the back areas. During the noon hour there occurred enemy attacks against the left flank battalions of the regiment; they were repulsed three times, with heavy losses to the enemy. A further attack on the line of the division compels us, in consequence of penetration of the adjacent division on our left, (32d Infantry Division), to bend back our left wing. The line runs 40 degrees North blue point N. on

West Road—Hilltop 370 to blue point h. Counterattack is in progress. Our artillery assists with severe fire during the day and night against knolls and rear routes of communications in front of the threatened wing. For losses see evening report; strength of organizations, see charts.

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October 17, 1918: Place: REMOIVILLE. Weather: Rainy.

On the morning of October 17 the line ran half-way between n. and i, (at the Westward) toward blue point h, (Plan Qu. 10:58). A junction with the right wing at blue point (Pl. Qu. 1058) is not accomplished. The 3d Battalion, 207th Infantry Regiment takes position about 7 A.M. for counterattack on line point i. and h. After a successful advance of about 300 meters the attack is checked by the heavy machine gun, rifle and shell fire of the enemy. At 2 P.M. two companies, 1st Battalion, 48th Infantry Regiment (battalion 1st division reserve) set out for a second counterattack from blue point h, with instructions to close, by counterattack, the gap in the Southwest direction.

This attack succeeds fully in spite of stubborn enemy resistance in the wooded terrain. According to reports received the line takes the direction 4 degrees North—n, (West Road) o—w. Junction with the 32d Infantry Division is thereby re-established.

During the night the enemy confined himself to desultory artillery fire on our infantry positions and rearward communications. For strength of detachments see chart. During the forenoon the Commanding General, His Excellency von Soden arrives for brief conference. The division commander went, in the afternoon, to Group Headquarters.

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October 18, 1918: Place: REMOIVILLE. Weather: Clearing.

Troops arriving and departing: arriving: shrapnel munition troop 91; departing: 58th shrapnel munition troop. During the night 48th Infantry Regiment relieves 35th Fusilier Regiment and takes over its sector except two companies covering the left wing. The second 15th munition wagon battalion is relieved and set in march during the night toward FAILLY. It is assigned to the group BEAUMONT. At 11:30 assumption of the sector of the 112th Austrian Infantry Regiment by the brigade is reported. The division takes over the command at 12 noon. New boundaries and distributions of strength and detachments may be seen by examination of charts.

Enemy's activity during the night was limited to desultory firing into rear areas. Enemy infantry entrenches at Pl. Qu. 1057 as announced by 1—3 flyers' report. During the night 2d Battalion Austrian Infantry Regiment was relieved by 17th Austrian Jäger Battalion. Organization of the division after taking over the situation is indicated in accompanying table of organizations. For re-grouping of artillery, see artillery orders and chart.

Special attention is invited to appendix document VII and charts.

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October 19, 1918. Place: REMOIVILLE. Weather: Cloudy.

Arrivals and departures of troops of the division: Departing: Staff, 59th Reserve Field Artillery; Staff, 9th Foot Artillery.

During the night 18/19 infantry battalion 17th Jäger Battalion relieves the 2d Battalion 69th Infantry Regiment in the position at SIVRY. Fighting activities during the night and in the daytime insignificant. Enemy's artillery

confines itself to moderate desultory firing on infantry positions and rear areas. Our batteries interdicted communication on routes of approach and ravines, with gas attacks. The fighting position of 48th Infantry Regiment is transferred to Pl. Qu. 0858. With reference to patrols of 112th Austrian Infantry Regiment, see appendix.

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October 20, 1918. Place: REMOIVILLE. Weather as yesterday.

At 10 o'clock night of 19/20 our own patrols and 207th Infantry Regiment and 106th Austrian Shock Battalion advance. During the day and in the night artillery confines itself to desultory firing on rearward areas. Numerous gas attacks. Infantry and aerial activity insignificant. Night 20/21 at 10 o'clock, patrol from Austrian infantry battalion advances. Ascertains and definitely establishes enemy's positions 1300 meters South of our line at SIVRY between KRONPRINZ HEIGHTS and MEUSE CANAL. During the night and on the 21st Oct., fighting activity was confined to mutual desultory artillery firing.

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October 21, 1918. Weather: Intermittant rains. Place: REMOIVILLE. Enemy artillery more active than yesterday. No other special events.

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October 22, 1918. Weather: Sunshine. Place: REMOIVILLE.

Arrivals and departures of attached troops. Departing: 3d Shock Battalion of Austrian 106th, to 61st Infantry Regiment.

At 10 P.M. night 21/22, the 3d Austrian Shock Battalion is relieved by 112th Austrian Infantry Regiment, and set in march for 1st Infantry Division.

The middle bridge over the MEUSE, passable up to this time, is blown up by a pioneer demolition detail.

Fighting activities during the night and in daytime are limited to lively artillery fire against infantry and rear areas. Intensive preparations for coming into action on the morning of the 23d are ordered and arranged for the G Group. Artillery fire is to be increased from 3:30 A.M. on; from 5:30 to 6:30 a destructive wave of fire is to be directed against KRONPRINZENTHAL [ravine W. of BOIS PLAT CHENE], EICHENTHAL [RAVINE DE LA VAUX DE MILLE MAIS] and HILL 371 [RICHENE HILL], respectively.

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Oct. 23, 1918. Weather: As yesterday. Place: REMOIVILLE.

The intensive fire of the enemy on Oct. 22 ceases at night. In the early morning hours of October 23 enemy attacks are made against the left battalion, 48th Infantry Regiment and the front of the 32d Infantry Division. The enemy's preparatory positions are effectively controlled and held by our well-placed and annihilating fire, in consequence of which the enemy's attack on our left wing did not reach its full development. He was beaten back by the 1st Battalion, 48th Infantry Regiment, with machine gun and minenwerfer fire. Enemy's fire into rear areas decreased only toward noon.

His Excellency General von der Marwitz arrived for brief conference at division headquarters.

Quiet during the afternoon on division front; fighting in progress at 32d Infantry Division. Night 23/24 passed without special incidents.

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October 24, 1918. Weather: cloudy. Place: REMOIVILLE.

Arrival and departure of attached troops: Departing: 1st Battalion, 59th Field Artillery Regiment, with one munition column, to the 32d Infantry Division. Arriving: one battalion, 505th Field Artillery Regiment with staff. Firing activity Oct. 24th limited to desultory artillery fire by both sides.

The division commander drove, in the afternoon, to the fighting positions of 48th Infantry Regiment, Landsturm Battalion Ingolstadt and 35th Fusilier Regiment. The 2d Battalion, 35th Fusilier Regiment is assigned for station in readiness as Group reserve, on the left flank of the 32d Division. Night 24/25 passed quietly. Our own patrols control the area in our front. No hostile infantry activities. Minor mutual desultory artillery fire.

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October 25, 1918: Weather: Cloudy. Provisioning from field kitchens. Roads: Good, dray. Place: REMOIVILLE.

Enemy's fighting activities limited to firing on emplacements and rear areas. We decided, as future aims, upon use of gas ammunition and high explosive fire surprise attacks. Division commander inspects positions in the forenoon. Night 25/26 passes quietly.

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October 26, 1918. Weather: Rainy. Place: REMOIVILLE.

October 26 the customary enemy desultory fire. We threw decided gas and high explosive fire attacks against MEUSE bridge and important routes of communication of the enemy. A number of villages on the West bank of the MEUSE were put under fire. Four enemy batteries were drenched with yellow cross gas.

Transfer of the sector 8 degrees North of the sector (Schmidt, H. W. L., with the West Road to the former division boundary) made to the 192d Infantry Division. The 35th Regiment is shoved in during the night.

For detachment strengths, see appendix.

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October 27, 1918. Weather: Rainy. Place: REMOIVILLE.

During the night Oct. 26/27 regrouping of infantry and transfer of the front sector held by 1st Battalion, 48th Infantry Regiment, to the 192d Infantry Division was made. For strength of organizations see accompanying chart. During the night only weak desultory firing.

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October 28, 1918. Weather: Rainy. Place: REMOIVILLE.

Both sides covered positions and rear areas with customary desultory fire. Otherwise no fighting activities.

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October 29, 1918. Weather: Rainy. Place: REMOIVILLE.

Day passed quietly excepting minor firing. The 2d Battalion, 207th Reserve Infantry Regiment takes quarters at BREHEVILLE.

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October 30, 1918. Weather: Rainy. Place: REMOIVILLE.

Field artillery activity more lively. Severe fire attacks, in part with gas. No infantry fighting activities. Withdrawal of the enemy in front of the left wing and of the left adjacent (192d) Division. Regimental staff of the 112th Austrian Infantry Regiment is shelled out of a dangerous position and takes quarters at BREHEVILLE. Division commander arranges a conference with brigade and regimental commanders in the afternoon, at FURST-WALDECK LAGER.

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October 31, 1918. Weather: Rainy. Manner of provisioning: Field kitchens: Health conditions: Good. Roads, soft. REMOIVILLE.

By Group order of the evening of October 30, the 2d Battalion of 207th Infantry Regiment and 1st Machine Gun Company are assigned as the only reserve of the division. The 1st Battalion, 48th Infantry Regiment, becomes division reserve. This battalion relieves, during the night of October 30/31 the 3d Battalion of the 48th. The 2d Machine Gun Company, Heilbronn—heretofore Group reserve in BREHEVILLE—is relieved from there by the 2d Light Machine Gun Company 43d; that is replaced simply by a detail from Light Machine Gun Company 43d.

A patrol from the 35th Fusilier Regiment brings in a French corporal from an important raid. By this means the new position of the 15th French Colonial Division is established.

Special attention invited to appendix, see document VIII.

Certified: Correct.

(Sgd) VON DER HEYDE,
Major General and Division Commander.

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Extracts from the Appendix to the War Diary of the 228th Infantry Division 6 October to 31 October, 1918

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October 6, 1918, 9 P.M.

Corps Telegraph.

1. Today, also, severe attacks of Americans and French against the front of the right wing of the Fifth Army were frustrated.

2. The H.W.L. [Line of Principal Resistance] on the left wing MEUSE—WEST, (5th Battalion, Reserve Division) will, during the night of Oct. 6 to 7, be drawn back into the KREIMHILD Position (approximately to the Southern fringe of the BOIS DES FORETS, North fringe of BRIEULLES). The former H.W.L., (on the height one kilometer South of BRIEULLES—South fringe of BOIS DE FAY to East border of BOIS DE CUNEL) will be the outpost zone. The 7th Reserve Division will, as soon as possible, place itself in direct communication with reference to the artillery defense-fire.

3. The army reserve will be assembled in the area MEUSE—EAST as follows: Shock Battalion Rohr, in ALGER LAGER; 102d Infantry Regiment with four batteries in BREHEVILLE and FURST WALDECK LAGER.

4. The sector FLABAS will be discontinued; the parts of the 228th Infantry Division posted there will be taken out and assembled at MILLY [10 Km. N.W. of SIVRY]. The former sector boundaries are again in force.

The staff of the 228th Infantry Division will relinquish command to the 1st Austrian Division and 15th Infantry Division respectively, at 5 A.M. October 8, and resume command of the 228th Division.

5. The following organizations will be relieved, during the night Oct. 6/7, by 61st Infantry Regiment: all companies of 35th Fusilier Regiment posted North of the H.W.L. and the 3d Battalion, 39th Field Artillery Regiment; in the night Oct. 7/8: the companies of 35th Fusilier Regiment, and 92d Foot Artillery Battalion posted on and South of the H.W.L. The withdrawal of the remaining portions of 228th Infantry Division will be arranged by the division in such manner that the withdrawal will be completed by 10 A.M. October 8.

6. The parts of 35th Fusilier Regiment and 39th Field Artillery Regiment, relieved in the night of Oct. 6/7, will reach the vicinity of MILLY by noon, Oct. 7. Remainder of 35th Fusilier Regiment and 92d Foot Artillery Battalion follow Oct 8.

Division staff quarters of the 228th Infantry Division will be at MOUZAY [7 km. N. of MILLY].

The artillery formations placed in the sector are assigned as follows: To the 1st Austrian Division: the 3d Battalion, 10th Field Artillery; 6 batteries,

60th Light Foot Artillery; 1st and 4th Landsturm Companies, Ingolstadt. To the 15th Infantry Division: regimental staff, 1st and 3d Battalion, 602d Field Artillery, and 2d Battalion, 7th Reserve Foot Artillery.

8. On October 7 the close combat troops within the limits of MEUSE—EAST area will be held in fighting and marching readiness very early in the morning—by 5:30 A.M.

During the night of October 6/7 very severe fire attacks with gas accompaniment will be made against FORGES, SAMOGNEUX, and ravines Northeast of MOULINS LE COTELETES. The MEUSE road, from FORGES to VILOSNES is to be made impassable during the night, in future, by machine gun fire.

9. Under existing conditions, the limbers belong in the immediate neighborhood of the batteries. The locations of limbers will be reported on the evening of October 7.

MEUSE—EAST.

Ia., No. 4107.

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To:

228th Infantry Division
Ia., 5514/180p.

Division Staff Headquarters,
October 6, 1918.

DIVISION ORDER.

1. The 228th Infantry Division will be relieved from the front of the Group MEUSE—EAST. The command in regimental sector C will be again taken over by the 1st Austrian Infantry Division; the command in sector D, by the 15th Infantry Division. The boundaries prevailing prior to the introduction of the 228th Infantry Division will be again in force.

2. The 35th Fusilier Regiment, in sector C, will be relieved by 61st Regiment; responsibility for conducting the relief will be with the Commander of 35th Fusilier Regiment.

On the night of Oct. 6/7 the 6 companies of 35th Fusilier Regiment stationed North of the H.W.L. will be relieved by 5 companies of the 61st Austrian Regiment; and on the night Oct. 7/8th the remaining 6 companies of 35th Fusilier Regiment (occupying the H.W.L. and advance works) will be relieved by 5 additional companies of 61st Austrian Regiment. Distribution of 61st Regiment will be as previous to its relief by 35th Fusilier Regiment. Relief of the heavy machine guns and 1st Minenwerfers will take place simultaneously with that of the infantry; only those heavy machine guns placed on and in advance of the H.W.L. will be withdrawn 24 hours after the infantry has been withdrawn.

Use of advance and rear guards is not required.

If, during the relief, an attack of the enemy occurs, the relieved parts of 35th Fusilier Regiment will remain where they happen to be, and will be at the disposal of the commander of the sector for repelling the attack.

The parts of 35th Fusilier Regiment relieved in the night of Oct. 6/7, will, in the course of Oct. 7, reach MILLY* [see note] and will bivouac between MILLY and LION DEVANT DUN. The remainder of the regiment will be brought up to the same place Oct. 8. An officer for receiving orders will, as soon as possible, be at division staff headquarters at VITTARVILLE and at the 7th Reserve Division, Charmois, [two kilometers Southwest of MOUZAY].

3. The subordinate groups of the artillery, Passau and Dachs, return again to the 1st Austrian Division and the 15th Infantry Division, respectively. As a change from the former distribution, the 1st and 4th Landsturm Infantry detachments are assigned back to the 1st Austrian Division; staff, 1st and 2d Battalions, 602d Field Artillery Regiment, to the 15th Infantry Division; the 2d Battery, 10th Field Artillery Regiment, will, in the night of Oct. 6/7, be posted by the 1st Austrian Division in its former place. The anti-tank artillery remains in positions as heretofore. Details of relief and new organization will be arranged by the artillery commander with the artillery commanders of adjacent divisions.

Orders in reference to the relief of 92d Artillery follow.

The artillery commander will see that the defense artillery is securely posted during the relief.

The 3d Battalion, 39th Field Artillery Regiment, will be assembled Oct. 7 in the vicinity of MILLY. The artillery commander is responsible for safe and continuous communication between the detachments.

4. Relief of the intelligence troops and transfer of the intelligence apparatus will be arranged by the commander of the 1st Austrian and the 15th Infantry Divisions.

5. The troops permanently placed in sector FLABAS, will, after transfer of command by the 228th Infantry Division, remain under command of the 1st Austrian and 15th Infantry Divisions, respectively.

6. Orders follow with reference to the disposition of the staff of the 104th Infantry Brigade.

7. Transfers of commands:

35th Fusilier Regiment.....	October 8, 4:00 A.M.
104th Infantry Brigade.....	October 8, 4:30 A.M.
Artillery Commands.....	October 8, 4:30 A.M.
228th Division.....	October 8, 5:00 A.M.

The division, after being relieved, will be assembled in the area MILLY DEVANT DUN. Division headquarters will be at MOUZAY.

(Sgd) VON DER HEYDE.

*Note: The officers detailed to receive orders for the detachments and the artillery commands must make themselves familiar with the routes of march, in order that changes in marching orders may be directed at all times.

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[No date—context indicates about Oct. 7.]

(To: Division staff; Artillery command; Pioneer company; Long Range detachment; Division Radio; Division Headquarters, MOUZAY.)

Field Hospital remains at present station and will be brought up as soon as division orders are at hand.

Brigade staff, 35th Fusilier Regiment and 3d Battalion, 39th; 387th Pioneers; sanitary company and Uhlans go into bivouac Southeast of LION. If day is quiet may be brought back to villages LION and LION—MARREUX [MURVAUX?]

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[No date: apparently Oct. 6/7, 1918.]

To Brigade and Artillery:

1. By change in division orders Ia. No. [blank], the 3d Battalion 39th

will, before it takes station at MILLY, await further marching orders at the place of its limbers at REVILLE.

228th Infantry Division.

To Brigade:

2. By change in division orders Ia. No. 5514/18op—the parts of 35th Fusilier Regiment that are to be relieved on the night Oct. 6/7 from their station are to await further orders for continuation of their march at the KALK OFEN LAGER before they bivouac at MILLY. The officer receiving orders will report to the division by telegraph.

Div. Ia.

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[No date—apparently Oct. 6/7, 1918]

At 8:45 A.M. Major Velckmann, Ia. of the Group (Division Staff Headquarters) reports:

The 3d Battalion, 39th Field Artillery Regiment, and 35th Fusilier Regiment, will not march for the present but will await orders. Decision relative to the despatch of these troops not yet at hand.

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1d, 1e.

October 7, 1918.

MORNING REPORT

To Group MEUSE—EAST:

Slight enemy artillery activity. Artillery fire during the evening hours and at night to 1 o'clock and later, directed against ANGLEMONT RAVINE, (Pl. Qu. 1862), MORMONT RAVINE, battery emplacements in Pl. Qu. 2059/25 and Northern part of CAINE RAVINE.

Our artillery delivered fire against dugout position in KLEINER RAVINE, ORMONT WOOD, and Northeast part of CAINE RAVINE.

Since 3 A.M. severe gas attacks are being carried out, according to instructions, against ravines Northeast of MOULINS LE COTELETTES.

Since 3:30 A.M. preparation for fogs has been ordered.

Strong aerial activity on both sides during evening hours.

Relief of 35th Fusilier Regiment by 1st Austrian Division in progress.

228th Inf. Div.

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Oct. 7, 1918.

Long Distance Telephone.

To the 228th Division:

Temporary quarters for 1st Battalion, 92d Artillery, in BRANDEVILLE; in case of possible exposure to fire, it will evade it by going at once in a Northern direction into the WALDLAGER, REMOIVILLE.

(Sgd) MEUSE Group East.

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Draft.

228th Infantry Division:

Oct. 7, 1918.

Ia., No. 5545/18op.

TO ARTILLERY COMMANDER

Addition to Division Order Ia., No. 5514/18, of Oct. 6, 1918.

Foot artillery battalion is to be taken out in the night, and put in march

into the new assembly area of the division Southeast of LION DEVANT DUN; temporary quarters for the night 8/9, BRANDEVILLE.

The artillery commander attends to permanent attachment to the battalion.

J. A.

(Sgd) LAENGE,
Captain General Staff.

Certified Correct:

(Sgd) MARQUARD,
Lieut. Col. and Orderly Officer.

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Corps Telegraph.

Division Staff Quarters, 1918, 9 A.M.

228th Infantry Division:

Division Intelligence Station.

DAILY OCCURRENCES

Outlook clear.

From Oct. 6, 9 A.M. to Oct. 7, 9 A.M.

Hostile Infantry attack, between 3 and 4 A.M.; about 50 rifle grenades against sector D.

Hostile artillery activity; Moderate artillery fire against FELDJAGER HOHE, HESSEN RAVINE, CAURESWALD [BOIS DES CAURES], nameless ravine, ORMONT RAVINE, FLABAS and rear areas, especially on LISSEY and DAMVILLERS; also against the roads leading to DAMVILLERS from the South and West.

Our artillery fired on roadways, villages and observed movements in the enemy's rear, and made fire attacks against COTTELETES RAVINE, rock quarry and CAINE RAVINE, battery emplacements at the TALON RUCKEN, communications on roads Northeast of CAINE RAVINE, KLEINE RAVINE and observation stations on North slope of PFFERRUCKEN. About 3, 4, and 4:30 A.M. the ravines Northeast of COTELETES RAVINE were put under severe gas attacks

Flying Activities. In the morning hours only, but very active on both sides.

Observation Incidents: According to flyers' reports, aside from individual reports, North of VACHERAUVILLE no unusual activities were observed. A firing enemy battery was recognized at the TALON RUCKEN (COTE DE TALOU), Pl. Qu. 2157/7a. Heavy detonations with red flame jets and great clouds of smoke observed 1:45 P.M. in Pl. Qu. 2154/10b.

Adjacent Division: Stirring enemy aerial activity at 1st Austrian Division at 9 A.M. Flying squadron of 20 enemy flyers from South Northward about 6:16 P.M. An enemy captive balloon set on fire by shots at Pl. Qu. 1749/8. No special occurrences nor observations at 15th Infantry Division, except lively artillery activity on both sides.

Distribution as before.

(Sg'd) LAENGE,
Captain General Staff.

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To The Meuse Group East

Oct. 7, 1918.

NOON DAY REPORT

Slight enemy activity against FLABAS and MOIRY in early morning hours. Our artillery made gas attacks against ravines Northeast of MOULINS

LE COTELETTES, and fire attacks against roads to old COTELETTES, MILL, rock quarry and communications with GRANATENTAL, and Northeast road from CAINE RAVINE.

From 3:30 to 4 A.M. about 50 rifle grenades were discharged against sector D.

Preparations against fog conditions ordered for 3:30 to 7:30 A.M. No aerial activities.

Relief of 6 companies 35th Fusilier Regiment, carried out according to orders. Relief was by 39th Field Artillery.

228th Division.

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Oct. 7, 1918. 1a/1c.

EVENING REPORT

Group Meuse-East.

Intermittent artillery fire with medium caliber guns during the day against ETRAYE, WAVRILLE HEIGHTS, WAVRILLE HIGHWAY, DAMVILLERS, HESSENPLATZ, and FLABAS—in all about 100 rounds. Forward areas not fired upon.

Our artillery delivered fire against roads: VACHERAUVILLE, SAMOGNEUX, (Pl. Qu. 1859/9d, 14a.), against supply depot in GRANATENTAL, (Pl. Qu. 1961/9d, 14a), STEINBRUCH (Pl. Qu. 2060/80), and against the freight railway in the CAINE RAVINE.

No infantry activity. Lively mutual aerial activity. Casualties: one man of 35th Fusilier Regiment wounded.

228th Infantry Div.

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Corps Telegraph.

Corps Headquarters, Oct. 7, 1918.
228th Inf. Div. Forwarded Oct. 7, 1918.
1a. N. One copy to Artillery.

Meuse-Group-East

General Headquarters V Reserve Corps.

1a. Arty No. 4134/op.

GROUP ORDERS

1. The 7th Reserve Division and the 1st Austrian Division will report on Oct. 7 in what manner the delivery of combined annihilating fire against VILOSNES, SIVRY and CONSENVOYE may be securely and effectively laid in case of an enemy attack, and whether and when special signals for release of such fire have been ordered, and how the safe communication of signals has been assured.

2. The following batteries have been located:

(a) *By Flyers:*

(At places designated on maps by numerals given) 1147/12d; 1150/8b; 1449/7; 1549/5a; 1652/22b; 1547/10b; (4 guns); 1449/23, ad, (2 guns, new); 2060/rl, (anti-aircraft); 2160/11, 1d; 1953/18; 2160/11a; (new); 2161/1d; 2157/7a; 1449/17c, (new); 1349/18, bc, (new); 2153/16d, (new); 2256/224ab (new); 2161/z, 2161/pl; 1148/11d to 12c, (new); 1249/9cd, (new); 1346/16d to 22a; 1447/8ab, (4 guns firing at a lively rate); 1550/15a to 10d, (new);

1651/22d, (2 guns, new); 1752/4b, (3 guns); 1752/16b, (new); 1753/16b, (new); 1753/zcd; 2057/25b; 2058/17d; 1652/24ab, (new).

(b) *Reported from Balloon Group, Meuse-East.*

1348/22; 1449/7, (medium caliber); 1450/18; 1546/24, (heavy caliber); batteries on the road GERCOURT—CUIZY, Plan rectangle, 1747 (firing at lively rate); 1452, South of road GERCOURT—CONSENVOYE, about 500 meters East of GERCOURT, a battery is firing. More definite information not obtainable on account of haze. On the road SEPTSARGES—DAMMEVAUX, in area Pl. Qu. 1447/8, and 1348/15, a number of batteries are firing. More accurate information not practicable on account of haze.

(c) *By Flash Ranging Troops.*

2161/f; 2161/p.

3. The batteries adapted to resisting enemy artillery are stationed, in part, so far back that they can carry out the work devolving on them only in a very inefficient manner. It must be required that the mass of combat artillery shall reach, with their fire, to the line BRIEULLES—BETHINCOURT, CHATTANCOURT—BRAS—DOUAUMONT; bringing separate batteries forward will not answer under the existing situation. A partial re-establishment of positions of batteries appears necessary. It is to be carried out at the earliest time. The necessary arrangements of the artillery in depth must be accomplished by proper posting of those batteries not adapted to artillery close combat.

4. The detachment 602d Field Artillery (1st Battalion) assigned to the 102d Saxon Infantry Regiment, is to be placed in the sector of the 7th Reserve Division and the 1st Austrian Division; in addition, examination is to be made with a view to establishing a rearward position for this detachment between ECUREY and REVILLE, with principal firing outlook Southeastward.

5. The 3d detachment, 602d Field Artillery, is designated as a Group reserve. It is to be incorporated in the sector of the 1st Austrian Division and the 15th Infantry Division. Examination will be made of a rearward position for this detachment in the COTE D'HORGUE, and MORIMONT with principal outlook for firing Southwestward.

V. sd., Gr.

(Sgd) ERFURTH.

Certified correct.

(Sgd) WIESCHER,

Lieut. of Reserves.

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To 104th Infantry Brigade:

Oct. 7, 1918.

(Added to division order 1a., No. 5514/op—cipher)

The machine guns of 35th Fusilier Regiment posted on and in front of the H.W.L. will be relieved in the night Oct. 7/8, by 5 A.M. 61st Infantry Regiment has been advised.

Communicated verbally to 104th Inf. Brigade.

228th Inf. Div.

To: Captain Bullrich, Oct. 7, 1918.

Given: 9:30 P.M. vBr.

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15th Inf. Division.
Detachment 1a., No. 66/10.

Division Staff Headquarters, 228th Inf. Div.
Rec'd Oct. 7, 1918. Diary No. 5555/18.

DIVISION ORDERS

Sector FLABAS is discontinued. The parts of the 228th Infantry Division posted there will be withdrawn. Staff 228th Infantry Division transfers the command of sector C to the 1st Austrian Division at 5 A.M. Oct. 7 [8?] and simultaneously command of sector D, to the 15th Infantry Division and to 60th Infantry Battalion.

2. The 39th Fusilier Regiment will be directed by the 61st Austrian Infantry Regiment; Austrian Jäger Regiment Marschau, with 1st Machine Gun Company, 55th Heavy Machine Gun Detachment, and 1st Landsturm Battalion Ingolstadt will be placed under direction of the 15th Infantry Division.

3. Following infantry formations are attached to the 15th Infantry Division: regimental staff and 2d and 3d [Bus?] Reserve Field Artillery, 2d Battalion, 7th Reserve Foot Artillery; artillery commander will submit to the division in the evening of Oct. 7 plan, with sketch, for the new organization of the artillery.

4. The 90th Infantry Battalion will give opportunity for the relief of the tank guns of the 228th Infantry Division. Machine gun distribution of the 3d [Co.?), 55th Heavy Machine Gun Detachment will be as it was previous to the transfer of sector D October 5.

5. Orders will be issued in reference to the new distribution of the pioneers.

6. Fighting stations of the brigade and close combat troops remain, for the present, at MORIMONT.

(Sgd) TAPPEN.

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1st Austrian Infantry Division Headquarters.

Rec'd 228th Inf. Div. Oct. 7, 1918. Diary No. 5556/18.

To 228th Inf. Div.,
At Meuse-East:

1. The 1st Austrian Infantry Division is again to take sector C with two and one half battalions and to relieve 35th Fusilier Regiment. One-half battalion of 61st Infantry Regiment, with one-half machine gun company remains as division reserve at KALKOFEN LAGER. Selection of battalions is left to the regimental commander.

The division sector FLABAS will be again established; the sector C again comes under the command of the 1st Austrian Infantry Division; the Jäger Regiment Lieut. Colonel Warschau, under the command of the 15th Infantry Division.

The boundaries between the divisions will again be as before the relief by 35th Fusilier Regiment.

Execution:

2. The relief of the one company of battalions held in readiness posted in the VOLKER position, as well as the one-half battalion regimental reserve posted in rear of the ORMONT HILL [COTE 360] at the extremity of the reserve companies between the H.W.L. and the VOLKER position, will follow in the night of Oct. 6/7. The relief of the remaining 5 companies and of the 3 companies on the H.W.L. and of the 2 companies in advance of that line will follow in the night of Oct. 7/8.

The selection of companies for station in the separate company sectors is left to the regimental commander of the 61st; he is, however, to see that

wherever a company or machine gun company is posted in a company sector with which it has not been familiar heretofore, a detachment of one officer, three non-commissioned officers and 12 men who have previously occupied that sector remain 24 hours after the relief to familiarize the new occupants with the surroundings and then return to the company to which they belong.

In the same manner the new close combat detachments and intelligence detachments will receive instruction for 24 hours after taking over command from well informed details of former close combat and intelligence details.

Furthermore, the new order 1800 is in full effect in all matters covered by it, in respect to resumption of sector C by 61st Infantry Regiment. Special attention is directed to point 5d, e, f, as well as points 7, 8, and 9.

Of the heavy and light machine guns of 35th Fusilier Regiment there will remain in position for 24 hours after relief, only those on and in advance of the H.W.L. The remainder will be withdrawn from positions simultaneously with the relief of the infantry.

3. *Artillery.* The artillery Group Passau together with the 3d detachment, 10th Bavarian Field Artillery, and six companies 68th Landwehr Foot Artillery, returns again to the command of the 1st Field Artillery Brigade. The 2d Battalion, 10th Bavarian Reserve Artillery, will be again posted, during the night Oct. 7, in sector C. Anti-tank detachment will be arranged as it was before.

4. *Transfer of Command.* The commanding officer, 35th Fusilier Regiment is responsible for execution of the relief. 61st Infantry Regiment takes direction of sector C on October 8, at 4 A.M.; 2d Infantry Brigade and 1st Field Artillery Brigade at 4:30 A.M.; 1st Infantry Division at 5 A.M.

5. *Continued.* The 2d Infantry Brigade, 1st Field Artillery Brigade, 61st Infantry Regiment; 112th Infantry Regiment; 228th Infantry Division; 35th Fusilier Regiment; 15th Infantry Division; Jäger Regiment Marschau, will be submitted to MEUSE—EAST.

(Sgd) METZER m. p.
F. M. Lieut.

Certified correct.
V. FIRBES, Major.

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104th Infantry Battalion,
Captain Bullrich. 7:20.
Added to 228/230 Oct.

Oct. 7, 1918.

Austrian Jäger Regiment has set in march a shock detail toward H.T.K. The instructions given will be reported by H.T.K. It consists of 4 non-commissioned officers and 32 men and has orders to take prisoners.

104th Infantry Brigade.

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Lieut. Tromm, Group Meuse-East.
3:35 P.M.

Oct. 7, 3:35 P.M.

To all divisions:

According to the general tactical situation the resumption of French-American attacks the Eastern bank of the MEUSE is becoming more and more imminent. I expect most decidedly that every measure will be taken by divisions during the coming night to clear up the situation of the enemy on the East bank of the MEUSE. The casualties incident to the activities in conducting raids, under existing emergency, must not be feared. The atten-

tion of reconnoitering detachments and all organizations engaged in securing information is earnestly directed toward the importance of the most careful surveillance of enemy territory and to the rapid transmission of reports of all observations to the division and the Group.

(Sgd) FREIHERR VON SODEN.

1a., 4135, op.

Addenda for the 228th Infantry Division:

The relief in sector C will be effected this evening at the earliest possible moment.

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Oct. 7, 1918, 8 P.M.

GROUP ORDERS

1. The enemy has made renewed attacks in the evening hours West of the MEUSE. On the East bank of the MEUSE there are various indications of relief or re-inforcement.

2. The 35th Fusilier Regiment, together with 39th Field Artillery Regiment, will take quarters, with regimental staffs and two battalions, two batteries and munition column, in BRANDEVILLE, with one battalion at WALD LAGER REMOIVILLE, with detachment staffs and one battery at BREHEVILLE. The parts of 35th Fusilier Regiment that have returned will march to BRANDEVILLE tonight. Arrival there to be reported. The field artillery detachment will reach its new quarters by 6 A.M. The remainder of the regiment will follow Oct 8.

5. Renewed intensive fighting and marching preparedness to be observed by close combat troops within the Group area, including army reserves, from 5 A.M. on. Counter orders will be issued by the Group.

MEUSE—East.

1a., No. 4144, op.

228th Infantry Division, 1a., No. 231/Oct.

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URGENT.

Oct. 7, 1918.

Sender: 228th Infantry Division.

To: 104th Infantry Brigade and Artillery Commander.

1. According to the general tactical situation the probability of the resumption of French-American attacks on the East bank of the MEUSE is becoming more imminent.

2. Clearing up of the tactical situation by the capture of prisoners during the night is positively necessary. The 104th Infantry Brigade will carry out what is needed and report.

3. The attention of intelligence troops and all organizations for collecting information is urgently directed to the importance of most accurate observation of enemy areas and rapid transmission of reports of such observations to the division.

4. The relief in sector C (night Oct. 7/8) must be completed by 2 A.M.

Communicated orally, 6:45 Oct. 7.

228th Inf. Division.

To Artillery (Lieut. CRANZ)

1a., No. 230/Oct.

and Infantry Brigade (Capt. BULLRICH).

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228th Division,
1a., 231/Oct.

Headquarters Staff, Oct. 7, 1918.

DIVISION ORDER

The enemy has made renewed attacks West of the MEUSE; on the East bank there are various indications of relief or of re-enforcement.

2. The division has not, up to this time, been established in position. [It is in] Army reserve from 5 A.M., Oct. 8.

3. Staff and 2 battalions 35th Fusilier Regiment, 2 batteries and one munition company 3d Battalion, 39th Field Artillery, will compose a going-into-action group at BRANDEVILLE Oct. 10. It will be commanded by the leader of 35th Fusilier Regiment. An officer to receive orders must be accessible at the staff of the 1st Austrian Division at BRANDEVILLE by telephone.

The parts of 35th Fusilier Regiment already relieved in the night Oct. 6/7 will arrive in BRANDEVILLE in time to be available for being sent further on at 6 A.M.; arrival to be immediately reported to the division. The artillery group that is to join the attack troops must arrive at BRANDEVILLE at 6 A.M.

Attack group will bivouac at BRANDEVILLE and hold itself in such a state of readiness, in case of an alarm, that it will be ready to resume its march in 20 minutes after receiving orders to that effect.

4. One battalion, 35th Fusilier Regiment will, after being relieved, take quarters at WALDLAGER REMOIVILLE. Liaison officer is with commander of the Waldlager. The brigade will report as soon as possible, when the parts of the 35th Fusilier Regiment which are to be relieved night Oct 7/8, may be expected to arrive at BRANDEVILLE, and WALDLAGER REMOIVILLE, respectively. Actual arrival is to be reported by telephone by the attack group at BRANDEVILLE or by the battalion at WALDLAGER REMOIVILLE, to the division.

5. Staff and one battalion of the 3d Battalion, 39th Field Artillery Regiment arrives Oct. 8 at 6 A.M. at BREHEVILLE, bivouac there and will hold itself in alarm readiness. Liaison officer to be at local headquarters.

6. The parts of the division yet in the MEUSE Group East will take up quarters Oct. 8, as follows:

Division staff with artillery commander, pioneer commander, Staff 104th Infantry Bri- gade, Staff 39th Field Artillery Regiment.	} at MOUZAY.
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339th Pioneer Company	} In the WALDLAGER REMOIVILLE, in the BOIS DE REMOIVILLE at 12 noon, liaison officer at local headquarters.
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1st Battalion 1st Uhlans, Division téléphone detachment, Division Radio detachment, Sanitary company	} In the region of MOUZAY; liaison officer goes ahead to Captain Theo- pold, local administration officer.
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Field Hospital and Veterinary Hospital at their present quarters.

7. I will arrive in MOUZAY Oct. 8 at 1 o'clock A.M.; the artillery commander also arrives at the same time. Reports up to 11 A.M. to be sent to VITTARVILLE or to the division staff officer who goes ahead (Captain Theopold) at MOUZAY.

Remark: MURVAUX, MILLY DEVANT DUN, are at this time under fire.

Distribution: to:

Div. 1a, 1b, (also Field Ammunition,
G. O., III, IVe, Commandant, Po,) Iva, Ivb, in all 6..... 6
Brigades 4
1st Battalion 1st Uhlans 1
Artillery Commanders 5
Pioneer Commanders 3
Division, 3; Sanitary Company..... 1
Division Commander, 1. Field Artillery 1
Field Hospitals, each 1. Vet'y Hospital..... 1
(Sgd) General VON DER HEYDE.

Certified Correct:

LAENGE.

Capt. Gen. Staff.

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Artillery Commander, 228th Div.
No. 7509.

228th Infantry Division.
Oct. 7, 1918. Diary No.—

ARTILLERY ORDERS

(Concerning Relief Operations.)

1. The 228th Division will be taken out of the front of Group MEUSE—East. The command of regimental sector C will be again taken over by 1st (Austrian) Infantry Division, and that in sector C by the 15th Infantry Division. The boundaries existing previous to the introduction of the 228th Division are again in force.

2. Artillery commander of the 228th Infantry Division relinquishes command at 4:30 A.M. Oct. 8.

3. Sub-group Passau, and staff 3d Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment joins the 1st Austrian Infantry Division with batteries 7, 8, and 9 of 10th F.A.; 2d Battery 10th F.A., and four Landsturm Ingolstadt companies; in addition one Landsturm Ingolstadt Infantry company from sub-group Dachs will join sub-group Passau; 6 Landsturm companies of the 68th will join the long-range group of 1st Austrian Infantry Division. The junction will be effected by 4:30 A.M. Oct. 8.

4. The sub-group Dachs; staff 3d Battalion 602d, with 1st, 2d and 3d companies 602d, join the 15th Infantry Division at 4:30 A.M. Oct. 8. Junction with the close combat group of the 15th Infantry Division is to be made by 4:30 A.M. Oct. 8.

5. The 7th Company of the long-range group East leaves at 4:30 A.M. Oct. 8, to join sub-group Schloss of the 1st Infantry Division.

6. Staff of the 602d will be released at 4:30 A.M. Oct. 8 and placed at the disposal of the artillery command of the 15th Infantry Division and will take quarters at MUREAU CAMP. The 7th, 8th and 9th Companies of the 602d remain, for the present, released, at SCHEIDERMUHLE LAGER, at the disposal of the artillery commander, 15th Infantry Division.

The 2d Battalion, 7th Regiment joins the 15th Infantry Division at 4:30 A.M. Oct. 8, as long-range on its right. Connection with the 15th Infantry Division artillery commander by long-range group on the left will be through 2d Battalion, 19th Reserve Foot Artillery. Pl. Qu., 1066/19b, to be taken up by long-range group.

7. The Battalion of the 92d will, as now anticipated, be taken out without being replaced in the night Oct. 7/8. Long-range group East will return the antennae of the radio station to Battalion of the 92d.

8. Taking out the ammunition from the firing positions that are not to be occupied will be attended to by the 2d Battalion artillery command.

9. Close combat group is held responsible that delivery of annihilating fire is securely arranged.

Annihilating fire in front of sector Dachs will be regulated, after 4:30 A.M. Oct. 8, up to the time of its eventual delivery, by sub-group Dachs with the 1st, 2d and 3d Batteries of 602d, through the artillery commander of the 15th Infantry Division.

10. The 3d Battalion of 39th has already been taken out of its position and assembled in the Mureau Camp.

11. The mounted messengers detailed to the artillery commander and the long distance telegraph operators of the 602d and 2d Battalion, 7th Reserves, will return to their respective commands forenoon Oct. 8.

(Sgd) SUESIUS.

Certified Correct:

(Sgd) GRAF,
Captain and Adjutant.

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To General Headquarters,
Oct. 8, 5 A.M.

Command relinquished to 1st Austrian and 15th Infantry Divisions.

No Signature:

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Oct. 8, 1918. 1:05 A.M.

1st and 2d Battalions 35th join attack group BRANDEVILLE.

To arrive:

1st Battalion 35th and the part relieved: 5:30 A.M.

3d Battalion 35th: toward 11:00 A.M.

To REMOIVILLE there will go:

2d Battalion 35th, to arrive at 12 noon.

If a train is furnished, then correspondingly earlier.

104th Infantry Brigade.

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228th Division.

Received Oct. 8, 1918 at 4 A.M.

1. Chief Headquarters 5th Army wires: Movements of the enemy on the EAST—MEUSE bank indicate possible attacks of the enemy there.

2. One third of the 228th Infantry Division (35th Fusilier Regiment and one detachment field artillery) remains, for the time being, on the East—Bank of the MEUSE and joins army reserve in rear of MEUSE—EAST.

3. The heavy battalion of the 228th Infantry Division (92d Foot Artillery) remains at the disposition of MEUSE—West for readiness for going into action. Complement for Group MEUSE—West: heavy battalion, assigned to the 236th Infantry Division for coming into action.

MEUSE—West, 1a., 638 op personal.

(Orderly Officer 1a).

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Arrival of the 6 companies 35th Fusilier Regiment at BRANDEVILLE, at 5 A.M. to be reported to Group MEUSE—East. Relinquishment of the sector 5 A.M. attacking group at BRANDEVILLE, officer [liaison officer?] with Austrian Division:

One battalion, of 35th Fusilier Regiment; officer at CAMP REMOIVILLE.

389th Pioneer Company, officer at CAMP REMOIVILLE.

Staff, 39th Field Artillery (3d Battalion), officer at CAMP REMOIVILLE.

1st Battalion, 92d Artillery, connection through artillery commander.

To be reported to the division: arrival night Oct. 7/8, of 6 companies, 35th Fusilier Regiment, at BRANDEVILLE.

By brigade to the division: arrival, in BRANDEVILLE, (anticipated) of the detachment relieved Oct. 7/8.

To the Division: arrival in BRANDEVILLE and REMOIVILLE respectively, of the parts of the troops relieved.

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Oct. 8, 1918.

Order to Gkdo [Headquarters?] that [2 words illegible] Gkdo is to be relieved this night and in part to march to BRANDEVILLE [illegible] men to be halted immediately. The 3d Battalion, detachment 39th Field Artillery is to be harnessed up for marching.

Headquarters anticipates attack against Austrian Division.

2. To Brigade, 6:27, (received by telephone): to halt parts of 35th Fusilier Regiment. Establish communication and report when arrived.

To the 3d Battalion, 39th Field Artillery, through local command at BRANDEVILLE: The battery near this side of (illegible).

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By Captain von Liebermann,
MEUSE Group-West:

Oct. 8, 1918. 8:15 P.M. 1a.

To the 228th Division:

In accordance with order Headquarters V. [Fifth Army?] 1a., (*secret*) staff 228th Division and 92d Foot Artillery remain with MEUSE Group East. 207th Reserve Infantry Regiment will be carried on motor lorries to the ALGER LAGER [near ALGER FARM. 4 km. N.E. of SIVRY]. First and second detachments 39th Field Artillery Regiment to be set in march for BRANDEVILLE. All parts of the division on the East bank of the MEUSE are to be assembled at once and brought under the command of the division staff.

MEUSE—West. 1a., 678/op.

Oct. 8, 1918, 11:15 P.M. Discussed with Captain Wüstenfeld that, with refernce to "assembling at once," *nothing* shall be done here without orders from Group, East, under whose command we are placed.

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228th Infantry Division.
Ia No. 235/Oct.

Headquarters Division Staff,
Oct. 8, 1918.

DIVISION ORDER

1. Enemy attack against MEUSE—East in progress.

2. 35th Fusilier Regiment with 3d Battalion, 35th Field Artillery placed under its direction, will be Group reserve. Following to be in readiness for marching:

(a) 3d Battalion (without 11th Company) in the KALK OFEN LAGER (on the West Road).

(b) Remainder of the regiment Northeast of REVILLE; available for transportation army motor lorries 178th and 179th on road BRANDEVILLE—BREHEVILLE beginning at BREHEVILLE; arrival of leading companies to be reported; leader of regiment to go ahead to BREHEVILLE; must keep in touch, by telegraph, with headquarters Group MEUSE—East, 1st Austrian Infantry Division and 2d Infantry Brigade of the 1st Austrian Division.

(c) The two batteries, with one ammunition column, [to be] with attacking group Northeast of BRANDEVILLE.

(d) Staff and one battery of 39th Field Artillery Regiment Northeast of REVILLE.

3. Transmission of this order by telephone exchange follows at once for group at KALK OFEN LAGER; Group for attack at BRANDEVILLE; Group at WALD LAGER, REMOIVILLE; and staff of 39th Field Artillery Regiment with one battery, 9th, through 228th Infantry Division.

4. Division staff remains, for the present, VITTARVILLE.

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228th Infantry Division.
1b No. 256/Oct.
1st Lieut. Marquardt.

Division Staff Headquarters,
October 8, 1918.

Review of Billeting Arrangement of the 228th Inf. Division.

Organizations:

Places to Which Assigned:

- Division staff.....MOUZAY.
- Division Intelligence Detachment.....MOUZAY.
- Administration and Supply Bureau.....HASLON.
- Field Post Office.....MOUZAY.
- 104th Infantry Brigade Staff..... REMOIVILLE.
- 35th Fusilier Regiment, Staff.....REMOIVILLE.
- 1st Battalion, 2d Battalion (less 2 Machine Gun Companies) and 3d Battalion;
- Minenwerfer CompanyNortheast REVILLE.
- Two Machine Gun Companies.....With 1st Austrian Inf. Div.
- 48th Inf. Regt., Staff
- 1st, 2d and 3d Battalions
- Minenwerfer Company.....With 115th Inf. Div.
- 207th Reserve Inf. Regt., Staff
- 1st, 2d and 3d Battalions
- Minenwerfer CompanyBRANDEVILLE.
- One Company, 1st Uhlans..... MOUZAY.
- Artillery Commander 228th.....MOUZAY.
- 39th Field Artillery Regiment, Staff.....MOUZAY.

1st, 2d and 3d Detachments..... BRANDEVILLE.
 92d Foot Artillery Battalion..... BRANDEVILLE.
 Pioneer Commander 228th..... MOUZAY.
 389th Pioneer Company..... WALDLAGER REMOIVILLE.
 395th Pioneer Company..... MILLY—East.
 Telephone Detachment STENAY.
 56th Radio Division Detachment..... MOUZAY.
 567th Sanitary Company..... MOUZAY.
 Field Hospital DELUT.
 55th Veterinary Hospital..... BIEVRES.

Supply [Trains?]

For troops quartered West of MEUSE.. SEULMORY.

For troops quartered East of MEUSE.. STENAY and JAMETZ,
respectively.

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Headquarters Division Staff,

Oct. 8, 1918.

228th Division.

Quarterming of the 228th Inf. Div., Night Oct. 8/9.

<i>Organization</i>	<i>Place.</i>	<i>By or through whom reached:</i>
Division Staff	MOUZAY.	
Staff 104th Inf. Brigade	MOUZAY, (next to fighting stand)	115th Inf. Div.
48th Inf. Regt.	Forest of ROMAGNE 3 kilm. West ROMA- GNE.)	Meuse Group—West,
207th Reserve Inf. Regt.	MARVAUX.	
35th Fusilier Regt. & Regt.		
Staff.....	Northeast REVILLE	Local Hdqrs., REVILLE.
1st Bat. & 6th Company	Northeast REVILLE	Meuse Group East.
11th Co. & Minenwerfer Co.	Northeast REVILLE	Meuse Group East.
2d Battln, without 6th Co. & Mach. Gun Company.*	First at WALD- LAGER REMOIVILLE, then Northern REVILLE.	First Commander Camp, then through Regt.
3d Battln (without 11th Co.)	KALK OFEN LAGER	
1st Comp. 1st Uhlans	MOUZAY.	Local Commander, MOUZAY.
Artillery Commander 228th.	MOUZAY.	
39th Field Arty, Staff	MOUZAY.	

1st and 2d Det.	MARVAUX	
3d Det.	Northeast REVILLE	Through 35th Fusilier Regt.
92d Foot Arty Battalion.	BRANDEVILLE; if fired on, then REMOIVILLE.	To receive orders from C.O. BRANDEVILLE
Pioneer Commander.	MOUZAY.	
369th Pioneer Company.	WALDLAGER RE- MOIVILLE.	To receive orders at Hdqrs. REMOI- VILLE.
395th Pioneer Company.	CAMP MILLY—East	
Division Intel. Det.	MOUZAY.	
Div. Telephone Det.	STENAY	
Div. Radio Det.	MOUZAY.	
567th San. Company	MOUZAY.	
Div. Res. Regt..	MOUZAY.	
63d Field Hosp.	DELUT.	
260th Field Hosp.	WALDLAGER DELUT.	
Veterinary Hospital	BIEVRIS.	
Heavy Baggage Wagons	HAN, JUVIGNY and IRB LE SEC.	

*Note: Two machine gun companies and parts of minenwerfer reserves, 35th Fusilier Regiment have been already established.

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By 228th Division.

Div. Staff Hdqrs., October 9, 1918.

DIVISION ORDER

1. Division staff, 1st Co. 1st Uhlans; art. hdqrs; staff 39th Field Artillery Regiment; pioneer commander; div. intelligence det; div. telephone det; div. wireless; div. k.k.; will change quarters at once to the village REMOIVILLE. Officer to receive orders and quartermaster will go in advance immediately to the village head civil authority at REMOIVILLE; report there to the chief of staff.

2. 395th Pioneer Co. and Sanitary Co. remain, for the present, at MOUZAY. Officer to receive orders, with village head at MOUZAY.

228th Inf. Div.

(Sgd) J. A. Viv.—(Sgd) NEUMANN,
Capt. Gen. Staff.

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To the 228th Division:

Oct. 9, 1918.

GROUP ORDER

1. By orders from Army Headquarters, the 1st Austrian Infantry Division will be relieved by the 228th Division (less Jäger Regiment Marschau); the infantry will, as far as the fighting situation may permit, be withdrawn and assembled at LOUPPY—JAMETZ. The parts still in the fighting area will remain under the direction of the German sector commanders until they can be withdrawn under conditions consistent with due regard to the fighting situation. This applies especially to the parts of 5th Austrian Infantry Regiment, posted on the right wing.

2. The artillery of the 1st Austrian Infantry Division is, for the present, left in position and placed under the jurisdiction of the tactical commanders of the places in which it happens to be for the time being. The commanding officers of sectors will decide with reference to the relief of the Austrian artillery and sub-group staffs. Artillery commander of the 228th joins at once 1st Austrian Infantry Division, with a view to later assignment to position and command. Aside from the artillery now in the sector of the 1st Austrian Infantry Division, an additional detachment from 39th Field Artillery Regiment and from the heavy artillery of the 228th Infantry Division (1st Det. 92d Artillery), will be placed at its disposal for incorporation in the sector.

3. The withdrawal of the above mentioned portions of the 1st Austrian Infantry Division will be arranged by the divisions, in direct understanding with the divisions concerned. Here also, the fundamental rule will be that the fighting situation will be the only factor deciding whether or not, and when the withdrawal shall take place.

4. The transfer of command by the 1st Austrian Infantry Division, takes effect in the course of Oct. 10. Time of transfer will be ordered by Group Headquarters. Transfer to be so arranged that it can be possible at 12 noon. The chief of staff of the 228th Infantry Division joins at once the staff of the 1st Austrian Infantry Division for the purpose of arranging the installation and placing of the division.

Addenda to 1a. No. 4200 op. of Oct. 9, 1918. Boundary between 1st Austrian Infantry Division and 32d Infantry Division is *not* the West Road but, the line: KLEINER STERN—GROSSER STERN—West fringe REVILLE—East fringe ECUREY—NARROW GAUGE LISSY—LOUPPY.

MEUSE—EAST, 1a. No. 4207. op.

[Stated otherwise, this boundary might be given: LA PETITE LISSY (to 1st Austrian Div.)—REVILLE (to 32d Div.)—Top of Hill 335 West of ET-BAYE—road junction at 24.9—82.2—road junction at 25.2—80.9. The Southern part of this boundary coincides exactly with the boundary between the 115th and 116th Infantry, Oct. 8 to 15.—W.S.B.]

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By Lieut. Klippel,
Group Meuse—East.

Oct. 9, 1918, 12:20 P.M.

GROUP MEUSE—EAST

1. Severe French-American attacks were directed today against the Group front from SIVRY as far as WAVRILLE. They were generally beaten back, in part by vigorous counterattacks. For the present, the line SIVRY—ST PANTALEON CHAPELLE—GROSSER STERN—ETZEL Position—ORMONT WOOD—H.W.L., from CAURES WOOD on, is being held. We may certainly count on continuation of the attacks and of their extension tomorrow.

2. Present position must be held under all conditions. The divisions must prepare themselves for this, and to make out with the forces now at their disposal. The Group will not be in condition to send them re-enforcements for reserves. It is therefore, necessary to perfect formations during the night, build up additional reserves and strengthen the organizations of the artillery. The gaps incident to the fighting of today will be closed during the night, and connections restored. Boundaries between 7th Reserve Division and 1st Austrian Infantry Division extend: road to SIVRY village, to 7th Reserve Division—VILLENEUVE—SOLFERINO—BRANDEVILLE (highway to Austrian division). Between 1st Austrian Infantry Division and 32d Infantry

Division: KLEINER STERN—GROSSER STERN—WEST ROAD. Present boundary between 32d and 15th Infantry Division runs between FLABAS and BEAUMONT.

3. The 117th Infantry Division will be shifted Westward and placed in readiness as attacking division in the rear of the right wing, with 450th Reserve Infantry Division and an escort battery, on road FONTAINE—VILOSNES, 2½ kilometers Southeast of FONTAINES; 11th Grenadier Regiment and an escort battery close Northeast of HARAUMONT; rest of the division (artillery and foot battalion) combined as separate units under the regimental commander, in the region ALGER FERME [4 km. N. of LE DIFFEREND] in observation or ambush position. For effect in the direction of VILOSNES, as also in direction South of SIVRY, the 207th Regiment, with a detachment 39th Field Artillery Regiment, for disposition of the Army, [will be placed] at SOLFERINO FERME. An additional detachment 39th Field Artillery and Foot Artillery at BRANDEVILLE.

Meuse—East. 1a. 4200, op.

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To Captain Laenge—*Urgent*.
By 104th Infantry Brigade.

Oct. 10, 1918. Sent out 6:30 A.M.

1. Brigade fighting stand is not *LISSY* but *REVILLE*, Southwest end of declivity.

2. Division intelligence detachment is entreated to make corresponding changes in the telephone system and to arrange field telegraph lines toward brigade fighting station at *REVILLE*.

3. Communication established at this time with 1st Austrian Infantry Division but not with 35th Fusilier Regiment. I urgently request early reply from division intelligence detachment.

(Sgd) BULLRICH.

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To MEUSE—EAST.

Oct. 10.

NOON DAY REPORT

Height 371 [*RICHENE*] is being heavily attacked since 8:30 A.M. At the same time a severe attack against 35th Fusilier Regiment is in progress. The latter has refused its own line between *SIVRY* and *NACHET WOOD* in the direction *VILLENEUVE FERME*. Counterattack by 1st Battalion, 207th in progress.

Commander 1st Inf. Div.

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Oct. 10, 1918, 5:10 P.M.

GROUP ORDER

1. The infantry of the 7th Reserve Division is to be relieved from the front, as far as conditions of the fighting situation may permit, in the night Oct. 10/11, and to be replaced by the regiments of the 117th Infantry Division. The method by which the introduction of the 117th Division is carried out will be reported by the 7th Reserve Division this afternoon.

On account of the withdrawal of the 77th Regiment, junction must be made with the 228th Infantry Division.

The relieved infantry of the 7th Reserve Division will be assembled in the vicinity of *LION—DEVANT—DUN* as army reserve. Assembly to be reported by 7th Reserve Division.

2. The remaining formations, including staff of the 7th Reserve Division will for the present, remain in position. Special instructions will be given later on with reference to their relief.

3. After assembly of the staff of the 117th Infantry Division it will assume command of the troops brought into and left in the sector. Staff of 117th Infantry Division takes quarters, before transfer of command, in CHARMOIS. Quarters for 7th Reserve Division will be ordered later.

4. 76th Machine Gun Detachment will be placed in bivouac as army reserve at the North slope of the heights of ST. GERMAIN, South of LION—DEVANT—DUN and will arrive there, it is expected, toward 8 P.M. Oct. 10. Transmission of orders through 7th Reserve Division.

Taken up Oct. 10, 5 P.M.

Meuse—East. 4221, op.

By Lieut. Gormont.

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To Meuse Group—East.

Oct. 10, 1918.

EVENING REPORT

From 7 A.M. the enemy delivered severe attacks against the sector. The 35th Fusilier Regiment repulsed a number of the attacks with heavy losses to the enemy, but had, in the end, to yield under heavy fire advance attacks of the enemy. By this means the PANTALEON CHAPELLE came into enemy hands. By this pushing forward of the enemy the situation for the inner wings forward of the 7th Reserve Division and of the 1st Austrian Infantry Division appeared to be threatened. In consequence, 207th Reserve Regiment led, on its own initiative, two battalions over VILLE WAVRILLE—[illegible]—took in sharp counterattacks the PANTALEON—[illegible]—while 2d Battalion, 207th Reserve Infantry Regiment covered the left flank. Group Popelko, (commander 5th Austrian Infantry Regiment) defended, with determined persistence, Hill 371 [RICHENE] against heavily led American attacks from South, Southwest and Southeast, but was compelled, when its left flank was threatened, to give way against very great enemy preponderating forces, at 2 P.M.

Our artillery gave assistance against enemy attacks with the strongest destructive fire against KRONPRINZEN and SCHAUMBURG MULDE [LE VAUX DE CHAMOIS RAVINE, N.E. of CONSENVOYE].

Most advanced lines are: South fringe NACHET WOOD—PANTALEON—(in our hands)—MAGENTA—(in our possession)—GROSSER STERN.

Account is taken of further anticipated attacks.

228th Infantry Division.

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By 7th Reserve Div.
Ia Nr. 121/10 op.

Rec'd.
228th Div. 11 Oct.

Division Staff Headquarters,
Oct. 10, 10 P.M.

DIVISION ORDER

1. The enemy today resumed his attacks against the 228th Infantry Division with increased forces. The attacks were, practically, generally beaten off. The division has, by counterattacks, for the time being, maintained its lines of early morning: NACHET WOOD—CHAPELLE PANTALEON—MAGENTA FERME—Height 371.

2. Junction with the left [right?] wing of the 228th Division must be restored with the division at SIVRY.

3. The situation requires that an advance of the enemy over the line SIVRY—NACHET WOOD—MAGENTA FERME—shall be prevented as long as possible. This line must then, since it has been closed, unquestionably be

held. If the opponent penetrates the front by capturing the NACHET WOOD, so that the line of defense of the 228th Division runs from MAGENTA FERME through PANTALEON CHAPELLE or VILLENEUVE FERME Northward, SIVRY will become an advanced strong point. The garrison of SIVRY must, in that case, evade a strongly supported enemy attack against the KREIMHILD position. This must be prepared for in advance. The manner of its accomplishment must be determined with certainty.

In case of the evacuation of SIVRY, the H.W.L. heretofore extending from the KREIMHILD position through SIVRY will be moved back to a line from the KREIMHILD position Northeast VILLENEUVE—HARAUMONT—SOLFERINO FERME, making connection in the vicinity of SOLFERINO FERME, with the H.W.L. of the 228th Division coming from VILLENEUVE FERME.

The 14th Reserve Infantry Brigade will designate and assume charge of the sectors that circumstances may require.

4. The duties of the artillery remain as they were indicated in division order Oct. 9, 1a. No. 116/10 op, par. 4, with addenda that fire protection is to be delivered from the MEUSE Southward of SIVRY in the direction South of the NACHET WOOD, as far as point 217, in the KRONPRINZEN MULDE, Pl. Qu. 1155.

5. The designation of sectors is changed as follows:

Sector H, receives designation J.

Sector J receives designation K.

6. The 14th Infantry Brigade receives designation L.

7. The 14th Infantry Brigade will advance the 1st Bn., 450th Infantry Regiment into that part of Pl. Qu. 352 where the supporting company of the 106th Austrian Shock Battalion has been posted. One company of the battalion is to be placed in sector J to re-enforce the 3d Battalion, 25th Landsturm.

The companies pass under the command of the sector commander.

(Sgd) RIBBENTROP.

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Telegraphed to the
7th Reserve Division.

Oct. 10, 1918, Taken up by
Flyer int. officer 10:10 Evening.

The line SIVRY—NACHET WOOD—MAGENTA FERME must be held. If NACHET WOOD is lost and the line takes the direction from MAGENTA—FERME, through PANTALEON CHAPELLE—VILLENEUVE FERME, following the elevated ridge to the KREIMHILD position, then SIVRY will remain advance point of support, whose garrison may, in case of an overwhelming attack, give way.

MEUSE—GROUP EAST.

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Oct. 10, 1918.

EVENING REPORT

Since 7 A.M. the enemy has been making severe attacks against the whole sector.

The 35th Fusilier Regiment repulsed a number of strong attacks with heavy loss to the enemy, but lost PANTALEON CHAPELLE. 207th Reserve Infantry Regiment led forward, on its own initiative, two battalions through VILOSNES FERME [VILLENEUVE FERME?], retook, in a vigorous counter-

attack, PANTALEON FERME while 2d Battalion, 207th covered the right flank.

Group POPOLKA defended, with tenacious resistance, the right flank and height 371 against heavy American attacks coming from the Southwest, but had to give way against greatly superior forces. The most advance line runs: NACHET WOOD—PANTALEON FERME (ours)—MAGENTA FERME (ours)—GROSSER STERN.

Fusilier regiment is of the opinion that the enemy is bringing heavy forces from out of the line CONSENVOYE—SIVRY, against the sector and is putting them in position Southwest of KRONPRINZEN HEIGHT.

(Sgd) 104th Inf. Brig.

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To the 228th Division: Oct. 10, 1918, Telephoned.
Regimental staff 3d Bavarian Foot Artillery, joins 228th Division.

(Sgd) MEUSE—EAST.

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From 228th Inf. Div. Oct. 10, 1918.
To: 104th Inf. Brig. and 228th Artillery Commander.

The 228th Infantry Division will, Oct. 10, assume command of the 1st Austrian Infantry Division sector (see accompanying Group Order). Staff of 104th Infantry Brigade will present itself, as early as possible, at the 2d Austrian Infantry Brigade for the purpose of taking charge of and being assigned to positions on the fighting posts. The brigade and artillery commander will report when the transfer can be made.

228th Inf. Div. 1a. No. 240/Oct.

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Captain v. d. Brulle.

Oct. 10, 1918, 10:40 P.M.

GROUP ORDER

1. For today enemy attacks against main line of defense have generally been repulsed. Continuation of attacks is probable.

2. The present position must be held under all circumstances. Holding the front JAGERBUSCH [BOIS DE LA REINE]—ORMONT—HAUMONT WOOD, is of decisive importance. An advance of the enemy in the direction of village WAVRILLE—MOIRY gives him complete control over the DAMVILLERS VALLEY—ASANNES, and takes him to the flank of the 228th Division. The 32d and 228th Divisions must, under all circumstances, have reserves in readiness in rear of the interior wings.

3. The confusion that has arisen on the boundary between the 32d and 228th Infantry Divisions among their organizations must be adjusted by concerted action of the two divisions.

4. The 1st Battalion, 207th Reserve Infantry Regiment will be drawn up at the KALK OFEN LAGER on the WEST ROAD to be there at the disposition of the Group. The 228th Infantry Division will arrange the junction with the group. The last battalion remains at SOLFERINO FERME at the disposition of the group. The 2d Battalion, 120th remains at the disposal of the Group at MOIRY.

5. The Austrian Infantry Division will expediate re-constituting of its units with every available means and will report every evening the fighting strengths of infantry regiments and will submit reports on the progress of re-

storage of its formations.

C. The artillery of the 117th Infantry Division comes under command of the sector VILLENEUVE.

MEUSE—EAST.

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To 228th Inf. Div.

Oct. 10, 11:10 Evening.

From: 207th Reserve Inf. Regt.

The 2d and 3d Battalion, exclusive of 6th Company which has been sent to NACHET WOOD as flank cover, will take station as Group Reserve at SOLFERINO FARM.

207th Reserve Infantry Regiment.

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Oct. 10, 1918.

PANTALEON FERME taken by 207th. 35th attacked several times. Destructive fire delivered against the enemy. Destructive fire against EICHEN MULDE. Minenwerfer fire by 215th Company.

(No signature).

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To 104th Infantry Brigade:

Sent October 10, 1918.

In case of breakage of telephone connections, communications on tactical matters may be transmitted through the relay lines of the General Staff (REVILLE—MEUSE GROUP messenger head) to the division.

228th Division.

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(Must not be permitted to fall into hands of the enemy)

By the 228th Division Commander.

Oct. 10, 1918, 11:55 Evening.

DIVISION ORDER

1. The severe enemy attacks today have been repulsed with general heavy losses to the enemy, thanks to the tenacious resistance, energetic counter-attacks, and strong and effective assistance of the artillery. Continuation of the enemy's attacks may with certainty, be anticipated.

2. Existing positions must be held at all hazards.

3. Put organizations and means of communications in order; establish advance fields of operation 200 to 300 meters in depth; set aside reserves.

4. The situation at and junction with the right wing has not yet been restored; NACHET WOOD [E. of SIVRY] must be cleared of all enemy posts and machine gun nests, and junction with the West wing of the 7th Reserve Division North of point 198.2 regained.

5. The 1st Battalion 103d, must be again brought to the 32d Infantry Division. That division will refuse its right wing, with surrender of the GROSSER STERN to blue point e., Pl. Qu. 1058 (the division boundary there). The 104th Infantry Brigade will have to effect the junction.

6. One battalion and 6 companies of 207th Reserve Infantry Regiment will be under the direction of the 104th Infantry Brigade. Remainder of the regiment remains in Group Reserve, with one battalion, with 3d Battalion, 39th Field Artillery Regiment, in vicinity of SOLFERINO. One battalion will, during the night, be advanced to KALKOFEN LAGER. Liaison officer of the battalion, exclusive of the regimental staff will be with brigade at REVILLE and camp commander of KALKOFEN LAGER.

7. The artillery must, during the night, place routes of approach and ravines toward KRONPRINZEN TAL, EICHEN TAL, and HILL 371 under

heavy fire, subject to consultation with and suggestions from the commander of the artillery, from 5:30 A.M. on and will, in addition, deliver at each place four waves of destructive fire, including gas.

8. The following signals will govern for beginning the delivery of destructive fire:

Against KRONPRINZEN TAL.....green
 Against EICHEN TAL.....red
 Against HILL 371.....yellow

Of the two pioneer companies drawn up at the point of intersection of the KREIMHILD position with the West Road [$1\frac{1}{2}$ km. S.W. of REVILLE], 389th Pioneer Company will be placed at the disposal of the brigade. It is to be held in readiness to prevent an enemy penetration from the EICHENTAL in the vicinity of the fighting positions of 35th Regiment. 395th Pioneer Company continues to be division reserve.—liaison officer with 104th Infantry Brigade.

(Sgd) V. DER HEYDE.

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To 228th Division

Sent out Oct. 11, 4 A.M.

By 104th Infantry Brigade.

Fighting continued in the sector until darkness set in. The Americans advanced, especially at GROSSER STERN, in dense masses.

Quiet since coming of darkness. Approximate direction of lines on the right wing is: square 0955, passing along contour 210 on road from VIL-LENEUVE to SIVRY driveway, PANTALEON; therefrom lies toward N. N.W., to blue point P. Distribution from right to left: [Companies] 6. 1, 2, 3, and 4 of 207th Regiment; reserve in SILLON FONTAINE.

SIVRY will be held by 69th Reserve Infantry. Junction with 69th Infantry Regiment is held, temporarily, by—[illegible].

Eventual line will be held by 35th.

The 381st Pioneer Company is on march to West fringe of HOHEN EICHENBERG.

Field artillery is firing during the night, moderately, over rear areas. Our artillery delivering desultory fire.

(Sgd) 104th Infantry Brigade.

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Oct. 11, 1918.

MORNING REPORT

228th Division. To: MEUSE—Group—East.

Fighting continued in the sector until dark. The attacks, which were evidently directed against the left wing of the division, were led by the Americans in dense masses, in places in columns of groups [squads?]. They were checked in front of our lines by the well-placed fire of our artillery, and then dissolved mostly into individual fights. Since dark the artillery fire has been limited to desultory firing. Field artillery delivered fire on advance lines, routes of approach, and ravines with heavy and medium calibre.

Our artillery poured a strong fire against rearward communications of the enemy; additional fire was delivered against: KRONPRINZENTAL, TURKEN SCHLUCHT, as well as against terrain South from KRONPRINZENTAL. Gas attacks, (with yellow-cross gas) were made against SCHAUMBERG MULDE and West part of MOLLEVILLE RAVINE.

Junction with adjacent division has been effected—to 7th Reserve Division by patrol. 2d Battalion 207th was brought up to KALKOFEN LAGER according to orders. Lively aerial activity in the evening hours on both sides.

228th Infantry Division.

NOTICE. From 6:30 to 6:50 A.M. four waves of destructive fire were directed against KRONPRINZENTAL, EICHENMULDE and HILL 371.

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From 228th Division Headquarters Division Staff.
To Commander MEUSE Group—East Oct. 11, 1918.

With Reference to the Fighting Efficiency of the Troops.

The division has, since the middle of March had no opportunity of training its larger formations and in exercises for co-operation of the different arms.

Since September the division has been shoved about from army to army, as a division of attack, and has suffered material losses, while posted almost constantly far in advance and repeatedly separated by assignments to different groups. The regiments have participated in the combats on the West and East banks of the MEUSE on the 9th and 10th of this month.

The field strength cannot at this time be given. The average field strength, from last previous reports are:

Organizations	Inf. Battalions	Machine Gun Cos.	Minenwerfer Cos.
		Men	Men
35th Fusilier Regiment	597	117	163
48th Inf. Regt.	595	114	165
207th Res. Inf. Regt.	605	121	155
Recruits	880		

The fighting efficiency of men and horses has been much reduced by exhausting marches, constant bivouacking, by being almost daily held in marching readiness, and by casualties. The fighting strength of 35th Fusilier Regiment has suffered especially.

The division, after the termination of fighting now in progress, unquestionably needs an extended period of training under conditions of quiet and rest.

228th Infantry Division.

Distribution: Transmitted Oct. 11, 10:15 A.M.
Div. 1a, 1c, 2 To MEUSE Group—East through
Brigade I Capt. Neumann (Lieut. Matthieu).
Arty. Comdr. I

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Oct. 11, 1918.

DIVISION ORDER

The Landsturm company of inspection of line of communications 5, which occupied for the time being a barrage line in the KREIMHILD position, is at the same time emergency garrison on the KREIMHILD position.

The principal forces of the company and of the company leaders [guides] must always be at or near the KREIMHILD position.

In case of emergency the company defends the KREIMHILD position. Necessary re-organization of formations [must be effected] this night.

Completion of re-organization to be reported to the division.

228th Infantry Division.

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To 228th Infantry Division. Oct. 11, 1918.

The 3d Battalion, 207th set in march to KALK OFEN LAGER. Receiver of orders of the 3d Battalion ordered with brigade to REVILLE, North.

(Sgd) 207th Reserve Infantry Regiment.

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To 207th Reserve Infantry Regiment. Oct. 11, 1918.

Is NACHET WOOD occupied by us? Is there communication with 7th Reserve Division?

(Sgd) 228th Infantry Division.

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To 228th Infantry Division. Sent Oct. 11, 2:30 P.M.

Received 4:50 P.M.

NACHET WOOD in our hands; occupied by standing patrols.

(Sgd) 207th Reserve Infantry Regiment.

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Report by 3d Battalion 207th.

Sent Oct. 11, 6:30 P.M.

To the Regiment.

Rec'd Brigade Fighting Post,
9:00 P.M.

The commander of the 6th Battery, 39th Field Artillery, Lieut. Gies, assigned to the battalion, has just reported to the battalion that the battery is not at full fighting strength.

About 5 P.M., 2 principal gunners were killed, 4 severely and 2 slightly wounded by a direct hit into one of the battery's barracks. One man of the gas service received a severe nervous shock. In addition 3 draft horses were severely and one draft horse and one riding horse slightly wounded. The gunners of the 1st, 2d and 3d guns have fallen out, and men to replace them are not available. The battery can be put into marching condition only by taking gunners and horses from the trains. There can, therefore, be brought into position only four guns of the battery with 64 rounds in all or 96 rounds if no ninth loads are taken along. Of the still remaining five wagons of the 1st ammunition train, four are drawn by two horses and only one by four horses. According to statements of sergeants in charge of the ammunition train there can be no assurance that the ammunition train taken by the first ammunition column will reach its destination if the battery leader does not know the draft capacities of the horses.

The wagon train of the battery cannot be counted on, because drivers and horses have been turned over to the batteries.

The battery is now in bivouac in the vicinity of the battery barracks. 207th Reserve Infantry Regiment.

Transmitted to the Brigade.

(Sgd) DOBERS,

(Sgd) ROBERT.

Lieut. and Adjutant.

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Oct. 11, 1918. 4:55 P.M.

GROUP ORDER TO THE ARTILLERY

1. The Group Order of Oct. 10, evening, in reference to firing activity of the artillery is still in force for the coming night.

2. The combat organization between the 15th and 32d Infantry Divisions: Division boundaries: West fringe of the village HAUMONT and FORT VACHERAUVILLE (to the 15th Infantry Division).

MEUSE—GROUP East.

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Oct. 11, 1918. 10 P.M.

GROUP ORDERS

1. Severe partial attacks of the enemy against the 228th Division and left wing of the 32d Division were driven back, in part in front of our lines and in part by counterattacks. A small penetration only, into our lines South of the MILLERPLATZ could not be avoided.

2. The NACHET WOOD must be taken in hand and securely held by the 228th Division. The line SIVRY—NACHET WOOD—MAGENTA FARM is H.W.L.

The 3d Battalion 207th will be placed at the disposal of the 228th Infantry Division. The last battalion of the 207th Reserve Infantry Regiment will be brought up and placed at the disposal of the Group at KALKOFEN LAGER in the vicinity of the West Road.

3. The boundary between 32d and 228th Infantry Division will not be changed. The boundary between 7th Reserve Division and the 228th Infantry Division extends Southwestward from 198,8 at the Southwest corner of NACHET WOOD to ALGER FERME. This to the 7th Reserve Division.

4. Since placing the 1st Landwehr Battalion in position cannot yet be relied on tomorrow, more restriction on putting units into the line, and continuous efforts in building up reserves are desirable.

5. The troops must restore defensible trenches with all means available to them, and provide wire obstacles, above all in the wooded areas. Rifle pits must be extended to form continuous stretches of trenches, in order to provide, by that means, points of resistance in which the troops will have confidence, and efficient co-operation.

6. The several parts of the infantry regiments of the 1st Austrian Infantry Division still in the most advanced lines, except Jäger Battalion Marschau, are to be withdrawn in the night of Oct 11/12, and assembled. From 7 A.M. on, parts belonging to the 61st and 112th Regiments are to be set in march for JAMETZ; all remaining parts to WALDLAGER REMOIVILLE.

MEUSE—GROUP—East.

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Division BRABANT.

Headquarters Division Staff,

Oct. 11, 1918.

Orders for Artillery activity for Oct. 12, 1 A.M. to 1 P.M.

1. Desultory Firing: During the night:

- (a) Road SIVRY—CONSENVOYE.
- (b) ELFENTAL.
- (c) South slope HILL 371.
- (d) Triangle MULDE. [Three-Cornered Hollow.]
- (e) Road CONSENVOYE—BRABANT.

During the day at:

- (a) KRONPRINZENTAL.
- (b) SCHAUMBERG MULDE.
- (c) KOHLER SCHLUCHT.
- (d) Road fork KLEINER STERN.
- (e) Road CONSENVOYE—KLEINER STERN

2. Gas Attacks: During the night:

- (a) KRONPRINZENTAL. Pl. Qu. 1155/13
- (b) South part of BRABANT.
- (c)

During the Day:

- (a) South slope KRONPRINZEN TAL HEIGHT, Pl. Qu. 1255/1.
- (b) Intersection of the BARANO SCHLUCHT and KOHLER SCHLUCHT.

3. Annihilating fire for night 11/12 will be ordered later.

A. B.

(Sgd) LAENGE,
Captain General Staff.

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Artillery Commander BRABANT: Oct. 11, 1918.

Firing Orders for October 12, 1 A.M. to 1 P.M.

To 1a—s, close combat group ammunition allotment: 600 rounds for night.

a—s, close combat group ammunition allotment: 250 rounds for day.

To: 2. Against each of the four targets a gas attack.

Each gas attack 100 field guns, or 50 No. 1 Field Howitzers or 10 cm. or 25 heavy field howitzers, or 10 mortars. With each gas attack there will be used first blue-cross and then green-cross in quick succession.

Certified correct:

(Sgd) GRAF,

Captain and Adjutant.

(Sgd) SUASIUS,
(Arty Comdr. 228).

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By 228th Division Oct. 11, 1918.

To MEUSE—Group East.

NOON-DAY REPORT

In the morning hours moderate enemy artillery fire, against front lines and roads of approach.

We delivered fire against wooded area Southwest KRONPRINZENTAL.

From 6:30 to 6:50 A.M. four waves of destructive fire were delivered against KRONPRINZENTAL, EICHENWALD and HILL 371.

Since 9 A.M. severe annihilating enemy fire against HOHEN—EICHENBERG.

Our artillery delivered destructive fire against KRONPRINZ and EICHENMULDE.

(Sgd) 228th Infantry Division.

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By 228th Infantry Division.

Oct. 11, 1918.

To Group MEUSE—East.

EVENING REPORT

Comparatively quiet day. Enemy field artillery fired moderately upon our advance lines and rear areas.

Our artillery, in combination with machine guns and minenwerfers, delivered destructive fire against assemblies at EICHENWALD and at GROSSER STERN. An apparently contemplated attack of the enemy did not, in consequence, develop.

Our artillery furthermore, placed under fire rearward areas of the enemy and assisted the 32d Infantry Division in an attack against its right wing.

The sector of the 1st Battalion 207th at NACHET WOOD was cleared of enemy posts and occupied by ours. A contemplated attack against the PANTALEON CHAPELLE by us, did not succeed.

Casualties, since morning, Oct. 10:

5 officers, 12 non-commissioned officers and men: dead.

5 officers, 93 non-commissioned officers and men: wounded.

200 missing. Of these the greater portions are, it is presumed, dead or wounded in the hands of the enemy; possibly, also, temporarily dispersed and straggling.

The 2 machine gun companies, 35th Fusilier Regiment, which took part in the attack on sector FLABAS, soon after their relief, have not yet been found.

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7th Reserve Division

Headquarters Division Staff

Reed. 228th Infantry Division 12 Oct.

Oct. 11, 1918, 11 P.M.

DIVISION ORDER

1. Today, again, every attack of the enemy against our front was beaten off; we may count on continuation of the attacks.

2. The H.W.L. runs: from South fringe of SIVRY toward South fringe of NACHET WOOD. SIVRY must be held under all circumstances.

3. New boundary between 7th Reserve Division and 228th Infantry Division: No. 198,3—West fringe NACHET WOOD—ALGER FERME (that to the 7th Reserve Division). The boundaries between regimental sectors are changed as follows:

Sector J: Right boundary: MEUSE.

left " West fringe VILOSNES—West fringe FONTAINES.

Sector K: Right boundary: Left boundary J.

Left boundary: Bend of canal (at figure 968) North of SIVRY—West boundary HARAUMONT—MORAND CROSS in Qu. 0354.

Sector L: Joining left as far as division boundary.

4. The mission of the artillery remains unchanged.

5. A detachment staff is to be detailed for the three batteries that are to be taken out pursuant to Division Order No. 1a. 123/10, op, of Oct. 11.

A. B. J. V.

(Sgd) GRAF,

Captain in General Staff.

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228th Division.

Division Hdqrs., Oct. 11, 11:45 P.M.

DIVISION ORDER

1. Enemy partial attacks, against the 228th Infantry Division and the 32d Infantry Division were beaten off.

2. The new boundary between 7th Reserve and 228th Infantry Division is: Height No. 198,9, in Pl. Qu. 1050—Southwest NACHET WOOD—ALGER FERME—(that to the 7th Reserve Division).

3. The parts of 207th Reserve Infantry Regiment, (exclusive of 3d Battalion), which have not yet been placed in positions, are placed at the disposition of the 104th Infantry Brigade. It must take in hand and securely hold the NACHET WOOD early on Oct. 12; the importance of taking the part of NACHET WOOD not yet held, by a vigorous storm attack and close-combat fire attack, before its occupation, by the 3d Battalion, 39th Field Artillery, is specially impressed upon the division. The act of taking position there must be concealed from the enemy as far as possible. Permanent connection with the garrison at SIVRY must be assured—by patrols, lamp signal stations.

4. The infantry of the 7th Reserve Division will be relieved by that of the 117th Infantry Division. Staff of 7th Reserve Division remains, for the pres-

ent, in position.

5. The H.W.L., to be held at all hazards, runs in the general direction: NACHET WOOD (South fringe)—MAGENTA FERME—points n. and z, on West Road. Centers of resistance must be established with all available materials possible, by connecting or joining rifle pits so as to create readily defensible continuous stretches of trenches. Materials for obstacles have been brought to the brigade by the pioneer commander at the HOHEN EICHENBERG. Additional material is at West exit of REVILLE and one kilometer West of SOLFERINO FERME.

6. The 3d Battalion, 207th Infantry Regiment, to which one battery 39th Field Artillery Regiment has been attached, remains, as Group Reserve in the KALKOFEN LAGER, in the vicinity of West Road; receiver of orders, (a mounted officer) with 104th Infantry Brigade at REVILLE and at the fighting stand [command post] of 35th Fusilier Regiment (HOHER EICHENBERG).

7. The infantry of the 1st Austrian Infantry Division still remaining in the sector is to be set in march 7 A.M. Oct. 12, from its station at HOHEN EICHENBERG, toward its billets; the parts of 112th Infantry Regiment to JAMETZ, the remainder to WALDLAGER REVILLE.

8. In addition to reserve (at 6), of the 395th Pioneer Company, stationed on the KREIMHILD Position at the West Road, (which is division reserve) and a company of Landsturm posted in the KREIMHILD position to form a barrage line, there are no other reserves in rear of the division; and moreover, such reserves cannot be expected during October 12. It is therefore, absolutely essential that new reserves be set apart; this is especially necessary for the protection of HOHEN EICHENBERG.

9. The close combat group staff of HALBERSTADT is to be relieved Oct. 12 by 5th Foot Artillery (Major Herforth); artillery commander will report time of transfer of command.

10. On Oct. 12, between 4:30 and 6 A.M. four waves of destructive artillery fire are to be directed against KRONPRINZEN and EICHENTAL respectively.

11. The 2d Battalion, 39th Field Artillery Regiment, less 1st Battery (see par. 6) returns, after completion of duty assigned to it by par. 4, to the command of the artillery commander.

Certified correct.

(Sgd) LAENGE.

Captain General Staff.

(Sgd) VON DER HEYDE.

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Division BRABANT

Draft.

Oct. 11, 1918.

Division Intelligence Station

Incidents of the Day.

From Oct. 10, 6 A.M. to Oct. 11, 6 A.M.

“*Lay of the Enemy.* Confronting Group MEUSE—East from West to East, there are: 33d American Division; 29th American Infantry Division; 18th French Infantry Division; 26th French Infantry Division; both French Divisions re-enforced by Senegalese negroes. Of these, 33d American Infantry Division lies opposite the Division.”

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To 228th Infantry Division

Copy.

October 11, 1918.

(Rec'd Oct. 12, 1918)

Diary entry: No. 5638/16.

To Headquarters Fifth Army.

Weekly Report, by Hdqrs. MEUSE—East.

The grand attack, long anticipated, brought the opponent, in four days heavy fighting, only limited local successes. The penetration of the line of 1st Austrian Infantry Division on Oct. 8, extended to line: SIVRY—HEIGHT 371—BOIS D'ORMONT—BOIS DE CAURES—(all excepted). Since then the front has been held, only the completely surrounded HEIGHT 371 [RICHENE] has been lost. The losses of prisoners and guns by the first break-through were material, but the bloody losses of the last few days in the stubborn fights in the forest areas were very heavy. The hinge points of the penetration, SIVRY and the BOIS DE CAURES, were held against all attacks. The enemy continued his exertions in the general direction toward DAMVILLERS. The center of gravity of fighting lies momentarily against the interior wings of the 32d and 115th Infantry Divisions. Winning (by the enemy) of the heights of CREPION—FLABAS would break the connection AZANNES—DAMVILLERS and greatly endanger the right wing of Group ORNES. An extension of the attack of the enemy against sector VILOSNES is considered imminent.

The 1st Austrian Infantry Division (exclusive of Jäger Regiment Marschau), which had to bear the brunt of the attacks during the first days will, in consequence of temporary incapacity for fighting, be relieved for the time being but restored with the greatest possible speed. The Jäger Regiment Marschau is also exhausted, and is at this time dependent on the protection of German companies that have been advanced. An early withdrawal of the Jäger Regiment is necessary. The 7th Reserve Division has drawn its infantry out, to the region of LION. Definite distribution of formations put in position to replace the 1st Austrian Infantry Division has been completed.

(Sgd) MEUSE—Group—East.

Certified correct:

(Sgd) VOLKMANN.

Major, General Staff.

228th Infantry Division, Staff Hdqrs. Oct. 13:

To Artillery Commander.

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Division Staff Hq., Oct. 12.

Daily Occurrences from 6 A.M. Oct. 11 to 6 A.M. Oct. 12

Special observations. During the night (Oct. 11/12) the enemy entrenched on both sides of PANTALEON CHAPELLE.

Adjacent Divisions: The day passed quietly with the 7th Reserve Division and without special activity. The 32d Infantry Division repelled a number of severe attacks of the enemy which were specially directed against the ORMONT WOOD.

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3:35 P.M. [date not given].

Report Captain Bullrich

Lieut. Doorn

Distribution of forces transmitted to Lieut. Mathieu.

[Note by Col. Sorley: om, op, etc., are blue point on the German 1/25,000 map.]

Distribution of Forces Map 1:25,000.

Northwest fringe NACHET WOOD to om.....8/207. [8th Comp. 207th Inf.]
 Joins as far as 100.....5/207.
 Joins to207 echeloned to rear.
 Joins to—Pl. Square6/207
 Joins to op, 1, 2. 3/207.
 Commander of front line troops—close combat.....207, Sillon Fontaine Fme.
 4/207, in reserveAt VILLENEUVE FME.
 Regimental Fighting stand 207,.....800 meters Southwest ALGER
 Minenwerfer Comp. 207,ALGER FME.
 In connection with 5/207,1/35, 4/35, 6/35.
 Of these in direction MAGENTA FME.....8/35.
 5 and 6/35, to i, West Road.....12 to on, 11 to Oz/
 Close combat troops in advance VILLENEUVE.....9 and 10, in rear of Co.

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25 maps for 2, 1/25,000.
 Maps with out sector.

From (illegible).

8/207, 5/207, (with 100 7/207. The left echeloned rearward, in rear of 207. Point where the 4 Pl. Qu. are in contact 1/207, 2/207, 3/207.

4/207 a little further Eastward.

Battalion Rohr will be assembled and placed at disposition of GLASENAP (is to be Brigade Reserve.)

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To Artillery Commander
 228th Division

Oct. 12, 1918.

ARTILLERY ORDERS.

For October 13, from 1 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Fire attacks; gas whenever possible:

1. During the night, against:

- | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| (a) KRONPRINZENTAL | Pl. Qu. 1155. |
| (b) EICHENTAL | Pl. Qu. 1056, 21 and 22. |
| (c) ELFENTAL | Pl. Qu. 1156. |
| (d) KOBOLDSGRUND | Pl. Qu. 1057. |
| (e) CONSENVOYE | Pl. Qu. 1155, 1c. |
| (f) TURKENSCHLUCHT | Pl. Qu. 1155, 15 and 20. |
| (g) SCHAUMBURG MULDE | Pl. Qu. 1266, 14. |
| (h) CONSENVOYE RAVINE | Pl. Qu. 1557, 16. |

2. During the day:

- (a) KRONPRINZEN HEIGHT, South slope.
- (b) SCHAUMBERB MULDE.
- (c) HILL 371.
- (d) BARANO SCHLUCHT.

Ammunition allotment:

- (1) a,—1, 900 rounds, mostly gas.
- (2) aa,—d, 400 rounds, mostly gas.

(Sgd) SUASIUS.

Certified correct.

(Sgd) GRAF,
 Captain and Adjutant.

Note By Colonel Sorley:

The numbering of squares (Pl. Qu.) on the German 1/25,000 map, to which the designations in this extract (and others) refer, follows the method shown in the following figure:

	55	56	57	58	59
0900			(0957)	(0958)	
1000		(1056)			
1100	(1155)				(1159)
1200		* * * * *			

117th Infantry Division Oct. 12, 1918.
 1:30 P.M.

The 117th fires annihilating fire against KRONPRINZEN RAVINE and Hill. It is the understanding that 1st artillery sub-group assists 207th Regiment [and] M.S.K. HEILBRONN for the time in all positions.

207th Reserve Infantry Regiment; Fighting Strength.

Units	Officers	Non-Com. Off.	Men.
Staff 1st Battalion.....	3	..	10
207th, 1st Company.....	1	9	32
207th, 2d Company.....	1	8	43
207th, 3d Company.....	2	6	44
207th, 4th Company.....	2	10	38
Minenwerfer Company	2	10	59
Intelligence Platoon	0	3	20
Staff 2d Battalion.....	3	12	..
5th Company	1	6	49
6th Company	1	6	34
7th Company	1	7	40
8th Company	1	10	38
2d Machine Gun Company.....	2	7	54
Intelligence Platoon	1	1	12
Staff 3d Battalion.....	4	1	6
9th Company	2	7	44
10th Company	1	5	37
11th Company	2	5	43
12th Company	1	9	32
Machine gun	3	10	50
Intelligence Platoon	0	3	16
Minenwerfer	2	9	63
Construction Company	1	5	39
Regimental Staff	5	5	60

35th Fusilier Regiment, fighting strength:

1st Company	6	47
2d Company	13	41

3d Company
4th Company	9	49
Machine Gun	7	35
5th Company	8	53
6th Company	9	41
7th Company	3	17
8th Company	11	47
Machine Gun
9th Company	4	15
10th Company	10	25
11th Company	4	32
Machine Gun	9	34
Minenwerfer

(No signature)

[There is nothing to show why no officers are listed as belonging to the 35th Regiment.]

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Sent by the 104th Infantry Brigade

Oct. 12, 1918, 9:27 P.M.

Lieut. Noeck, 11th Company, at the extreme left wing reports as follows:

1. Patrol advanced in the forest on the road around GROSSER STERN Southward and was fired upon after going 300 meters. Patrol made further reconnaissance.

2. *Evening Report.* Enemy has placed branches on foot trails; holes every 20 meters 50 cm wide, 2 meters long, 1 meter deep, dug out and covered with twigs. The opponent is not working at present but is very watchful.

3. Strength of opponent not ascertainable on account of invisibility. Machine gun nest, six men, observed at entrance of Height 371.

Addenda:

Original report, with sketch follows. (Sgd) 104th Infantry Brigade.

(Sgd) NOECK,

Lieut. of Regt. and Company 11.

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From Artillery Commander,
228th Infantry Division.
No. 7569.

Oct. 12, 1918.

ARTILLERY ORDER.

(For Regrouping and Relieving the Artillery of the 1st Austrian Division.)

1. The artillery of the 1st Austrian Infantry Division will, subject to condition of the fighting situation, be withdrawn for re-armament and relief.

2. Staff and 1st Field Artillery will be relieved as close combat troops by 3d Bavarian Foot Artillery Regiment and Staff, (commander Major Herforth) during the day, Oct. 12. Transfer, when effected, to be reported.

3. Following will be withdrawn but not replaced: Sub-group Eckel (detachment and staff 101st Field Artillery), and the batteries 5/1, 5/101, 3/heavy, during the night October 12/13. Statement of ammunition left in the positions evacuated will be reported when the withdrawal is completed.

4. The withdrawal of the staff of Eckel and 3 batteries of 1st Austrian Infantry Division causes following changes in the tactical formations, time [of change] to be reported to close combat troop:

Sub group Kober, (detachment and staff heavy field artillery regiment) will be made up of: 5 guns 1st; 1 gun 1st and 2 guns 1st Heavy.

Sub group Edelman (detachment and staff 1st Field Artillery Regiment) by: 6th Battery, 3d Regiment; 9th Battery, 3d Regiment; 2d Battery, 101st and 4th of 1st.

Connection of sub-groups with those batteries taken in by group Eckel must be assured. Execution of orders to be reported by close combat troop with morning report Oct. 13. Close combat troop will take charge of annihilating fire heretofore ordered in conformity to the re-organization.

5. Orders for the further relief of staffs and batteries of the 1st Austrian Infantry Division will follow, subject to due regard for the situation.

6. The station of liaison officer for the 1st Infantry Regiment and 35th Fusilier Regiment will be given attention.

(Sgd) SUASIUS.

Certified correct:

(Sgd) GRAF,

Captain and Adjutant,

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To Artillery Commander
228th Division
B. B. No. 7590.

Oct. 12, 1918.

ARTILLERY ORDERS NO. 2.

1. As a change of artillery order No. 7569 of Oct. 12, the following is ordered, since several sub-groups have taken it upon themselves to change their firing positions:

Instead of the 3d Battalion 1st Heavy, the 2d Battalion 1st Heavy will be withdrawn from their positions night Oct. 12/13. Second Battalion, 2d Heavy will fill 3d Battalion 1st Heavy, by giving up to it 3 guns. The ammunition of 2d Battalion 1st Heavy is to be taken back to the station of the 3d Battalion 1st Heavy. Second Battalion 101st, 9th Battery of 5th, and 3d Battery Heavy, join sub-group Kober.

Fourth Battery 1st joins sub-group Wachs.

After junction of the batteries with sub-groups Kober and Wachs respectively, sub-group Edelmann (detachment with staff 1st Field Artillery Regiment) steps out. Time to be reported by close combat group.

Sixth Battery 1st changes station in the night Oct. 13/14, to the newly found station Pl. Qu. 0658/26, and will, at noon Oct. 14, join Group Edelmann sub-group Wegener, (staff 2d Battalion 39th).

2. Every change necessitated by the fighting situation must be immediately reported here, previous approval to be obtained whenever practicable.

3. The station for 1st Battery 92d, at Pl. Qu. 0458, W. and 3d Battery 92d at Pl. Qu. 0456, R, is approved: they will be taken during the night Oct. 12/13. 2d Battery 92d takes, for the present, its old station.

4. Group Niemann furnishes liaison officer for 207th Reserve Infantry Regiment; close combat troop liaison officer for commander first line troops.

5. Survey of positions not yet surveyed is to be expedited at once, so that batteries may be in possession of battery plans.

6. The machine guns are to be posted for close range defense, so that they may form points of union between the batteries and the infantry. Want of machine gunners with field batteries is to be provided for by drawing from and equalizing the machine gunners from the heavy batteries. Attention is

directed to the posting of machine guns by platoon (or section) formation, to facilitate fire direction.

7. Extract from [the report of] the chief of the motor wagon department; 3d detachment, No. 56623v, Sept. 11, 1918: "The artillery inspector directed attention, by No. 19472/16, A.R.K., 2, v, Sept. 2, 1918, to the fact that pieces not provided with springs are frequently attached directly to freight-carrying power machines or freight motor wagons and that apparatus for distribution of loads is seldom made use of. This gives rise to great damage to guns. Pieces not provided with springs must not be attached directly, for transportation, to the power motor tractors."

8. Attention is directed to the fact that in the daily reports of guns in condition for firing—due 6 A.M. at artillery commanders headquarters—it must be stated, in order to avoid the necessity of further inquiry, *where* the guns not fit for firing are located, and whether replacement is required—giving caliber and gun carriage number.

The daily ammunition reports are to be handed in daily at 12 noon instead of 5 P.M. to the artillery commander.

Attention is directed to 228th Infantry Division order 1a, Oct. 12, in reference to ammunition:

9. Instructions 228th Infantry Division 1b, No. 5592/18, of Oct. 11, 1918:

I require that ammunition columns shall be conducted to the firing positions *by officers*.

The ammunition will there be delivered to the ammunition officers, receipts to be taken and the receipts delivered to receiving station or ammunition supply depot.

(Sgd) VON DER HEYDE.

(Sgd) SUASIUS. (Arty Comdr.)

Certified correct:

(Sgd) GRAF,

Captain and Adjutant.

7th Reserve Division,

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Oct. 12, 1918.

To 228th Infantry Division.

Uniform enemy firing against infantry and artillery positions; now and then rapid fire against rearward terrain. Long range fire against localities in back areas and routes of approach with medium and heavy calibers.

Firing by our field and heavy batteries in line South of SIVRY—KRON-PRINZENTAL—South of PANTALEON CHAPELLE, against terrain from CONSENVOYE—MEUSE VALLEY—streets of SIVRY—CONSENVOYE—TURKENSCHLUCHT and SCHAUMBURG MULDE.

No special Infantry activity.

(Sgd) 7th Reserve Division.

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MORNING REPORT

To Group MEUSE—EAST,

Oct. 12, 1918.

By 228th Infantry Division.

Under bad visibility, moderate enemy fire with light, medium and heavy calibers on infantry positions, principally against the left wing of the division, and against rear areas, roadways, routes of approach; ravines were subjected also to gas fire.

Our artillery delivered rapid fire against routes of approach and ravines, against South slope of Hill 371 and Southern part of BRABANT. From 4 A.M. on, destructive fire waves against KRONPRINZENTAL and EICHENTAL. Enemy's traffic was effectively attacked by machine gun and minenwerfer fire.

No flyer activity on either side.

(Sgd) 228th Infantry Division.

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Oct. 12, 1918.

NOON DAY REPORT

By the 228th Division.

Heavy fire with light and medium calibers directed specially against left wing 35th Fusilier Regiment.

At day break our artillery directed a number of waves of destructive fire against KRONPRINZENTAL and EICHENTAL.

Enemy infantry activity very slight. Some minor infantry fights. NACHET WOOD was occupied by 2d Battalion 207th.

Sprightly enemy flyer activity.

Our artillery assisted 32d Infantry Division during enemy attacks.

(Sgd) 228th Infantry Division.

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Oct. 12, 1918.

GROUP ORDER.

1. An attempt of the enemy to break through at MOIREY, well prepared by a united artillery action and carried on with a reckless exposure of the infantry was, thanks to the unsurpassable stand of the Saxon, Prussian, Wurtemburger and Austro-Hungarian troops, broken down, with severe loss to the enemy.

2. One battalion of 84th Regiment Light Infantry will stand ready for action at 6 A.M. tomorrow, at REVILLE, [one at] ETRAYE and [one at] CREPION, subject to disposition of the group. Regimental staff at brigade battle station, NEW WAVRILLE. Further arrangements will be under direction of the 32d Infantry Division.

3. The Landsturm Battalion Ingolstadt, (less the 2d Company) set apart for disposition by the Group at REVILLE will be placed under the command of the 228th Infantry Division as emergency detachment for the KREIMHILD Position in the sector of that division. The battalion will be used, at the same time, to build up the defenses of the position.

4. The 48th Infantry Regiment will, tomorrow, be brought to the 228th Infantry Division at BRANDEVILLE. It is to be brought up and attached to the division. Strength and time of arrival to be reported.

(Sgd) MEUSE—EAST.

[Par. 1 above refers to attack of 114th Infantry].

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Official Supplement:

Oct. 12, 1918.

Sender: 32d Infantry Division,

(Entry Diary 228th Div.

To: 228th Infantry Division.

Oct. 13, 1918).

Received 11:52 P.M. by radio.

To the 228th Infantry Division:

After the severest bombardment of infantry positions and ravines, the 29th

American Infantry Division attacked, in dense masses, the narrow strip of the VOLKER Position, between MOIREY WOOD and ORMONT WOOD. In spite of our severe infantry and machine gun fire, the dense masses succeeded in driving through the VOLKER Position and breaking into the BOIS DE MOIREY. The enemy, at the same time, attacked the ORMONT WOOD from the North, West and South. One-half 2d Battalion 177th pushed forward to the VOLKER Position and forced the enemy back over that. American nests, that had held themselves in the VOLKER Position were cleaned out in stubborn hand-to-hand fights. The enemy suffered extremely heavy losses there. Three hundred dead Americans are lying here in and in front of the VOLKER Position. The MOIREY WOOD, in which, after reaching the VOLKER Position, numerous American nests remained, was cleared of these by the division shock troop detachments in a hand grenade fight. In this, one American Captain and 20 Americans of the 29th Division were brought in as prisoners. One-half of the 2d Battalion 177th was, after reaching the VOLKER Position, set up for counterattack in the direction of trigonometrical point 160. The battalion did not, however, succeed in getting forward at once, because it was attacked on its flank by the opponent, who had made a renewed attack against the ORMONT WOOD and had penetrated into it. The enemy succeeded in driving through the densely wooded and sight-obstructing forest, and in reaching its Eastern boundary. The counterattack of a company rolled up the opponent, who had nested himself in on the South fringe, and again completely cleaned out the forest up to the old French nest in its Southwest corner. In a second attack the opponent again drove deeply into the ORMONT WOOD. A company, in a counterattack, cleaned out the East half of the forest, but on account of severe losses it could not go further forward. It established a barrier at about the middle, toward the West. A renewed counterattack is in progress for the purpose of again gaining possession of the ORMONT WOOD, and to relieve the commander of the 3d Battalion 177th (Capt. Blohm, who was still holding on in the West line and who had received, through flyers, the order: "*Hold out. Counterattack in progress.*") Two companies were here placed, from the ANTONIUS CROSS [N.E. of BOIS D'ORMONT] to the CREPION RAVINE, for counterattack. At the same time the opponent attacks the ORMONT WOOD for the third time with very strong forces and brings up numerous reserves from the direction of ORMONT FERME. In order to carry forward the attack of the battalions Matthes, one-half of 2d Battalion 177th, in the direction of trigonometrical point 160, the last reserves of the division, two pioneer companies, were put into position. The attack is, at the same time, going on. Contact has been gained with the 120th Infantry Regiment which was advancing in lengthy zig-zags and the American is forced down from Height 160 and, by simultaneous machine gun assistance, out of the VOLKER Position. The ravines which had principally fed the attack were placed and held under severe destructive fire throughout the entire day, the HAUMONT RAVINE with yellow gas [was "yellowed"].

In the fights over the VOLKER Position many officers took part in hand-to-hand fights; many served machine guns whose crews had been killed. Here the commander of the 1st Battalion 177th, Captain Gerish, and his adjutant were taken prisoners. One American Captain and two Americans led them away. Acting Sergeant-Major Langer, of the 4th Company, 177th, pushed himself forward alone and started a hand grenade attack against the enemy group. At the same time Captain Gerish and his adjutant, who had already been deprived of their arms, turned on and attacked their captors and made

prisoners of the Captain and two of the Americans. Acting Sergeant-Major Langer was severely wounded.

(Signed) 32d Infantry Division.

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Oct. 12, 1918.

GROUP ORDER.

1. 1st Landwehr Division will be shoved in between the 32d and 15th Infantry Divisions. Boundaries toward the right; ORMONT FERME, inclusive of (—)—1896 in Pl. Qu. 1260—329,2, on the East corner of the JACERBUSCH [BOIS DE LA REINE]—West fringe forest of CREPION—West fringe village WAVRILLE—PEUVILLERS—Junction.

Boundaries toward the left: Road VACHERAUVILLE—VILLE to HESSENPLATZ—forest ravine CHAUMONT—exclusive—32d, inclusive. (chart 1:10,000) MORIMONT FERME—inclusive.

Division boundaries must, above all, be laid out through the CAURES WOOD without impediments. Regulation of accommodations and camps in the rear areas is especially directed. The sector of the 32d Division receives the designation "ETRAYE," that of the 1st Landwehr Division the designation "FLABAS."

2. The 1st Brigade Landwehr Division takes command of its sector early Oct. 14. Hour will be announced later. Division staff quarters: VITTARVILLE; Brigade staff: MARAUX FERME.

3. Two regiments are to be posted on the front line. The third regiment remains at the disposal of the group. Place will be ordered later. The relief begins in the sector MARSCHAU and is to be effected during the two nights Oct. 12/13 and 13/14. The 31st Landwehr Regiment is at the disposal of the 15th Infantry Division for this purpose. The parts stationed in sector of MARSCHAU are to be relieved. Jäger Regiment MARSCHAU will be brought up and attached, according to direct agreement, to the 1st Austrian Infantry Division and placed under its direction. 120th Infantry Regiment will be brought back and placed at the disposal of the group, at the SCHNEIDER-MULDE CAMP and attached to the Group ORMES. The relief from sector of 177th Infantry Regiment takes place in the night 12/13; machine guns during the night following. 84th Landwehr Infantry Regiment, which will be brought to REVILLE with staff and two battalions and one battalion to ETRAYE, stands at the disposition of the 32d Infantry Division for the purpose [of relief of 177th Regiment above]. The division sectors must be fixed during the night of relief by officer patrols.

4. The artillery will receive, in the sector FLABAS, in addition to the field artillery regiment of the 1st Landwehr Division: 239th Field Artillery Regiment, 19th Reserve Foot Artillery Regiment and its regimental staff, and 2d [Bn?] 7th Reserve Foot Artillery.

The 239th Foot Artillery Regiment is Army Group reserve and must not be put forward without approval.

First Battalion, 602d Foot Artillery is to be drawn out during the night Oct. 13/14 and withdrawn to PEURVILLERS for disposition (there) of the group. Artillery fighting boundaries between 1st Landwehr Division and 32d Infantry Division: division boundary—Southeast fringe SAMOGNEUX—East fringe CHAMPNEUVILLE—Southeast angle of the principal work of FORT NARRE.

Between 1st Landwehr Division and 15th Infantry Division: division

boundary—West fringe BEAUMONT—East fringe CHARNY—East fringe THIERVILLE.

5. The intelligence network system for the new sector must be installed with the greatest possible speed in accordance with instructions to be given by the group intelligence branch 705. The 15th and 32d Infantry Divisions must furnish every possible assistance to group intelligence service for expediting the installing of the plant.

6. The relief of the attached auxiliary formations of the 32d and 15th Infantry Divisions posted in the sector will be regulated by the divisions concerned, by direct conference and agreement. The standing local equipment will be given over; the inventory to be handed to the group.

7. Landsturm Battalion Ingolstadt is to be withdrawn and sent to REVILLE to be there at the disposal of the group.

(Sgd) MEUSE—EAST.

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Sender 7th Company, 207th,
To 2d Battalion, 207th.

Sent Oct. 12, 4 P.M.
Rec'd Brig. Fighting Station,
9 P.M.

In the firing of our artillery, so many shots fell short that the separate groups withdrew toward the left, so that the boundary line remained unoccupied. Three shots went short behind the 1st Machine Gun Company. The ground on the right wing of the company was completely under fire. Fifth and 6th Companies could not hold their sectors, because the artillery subjected the road in the forest as well as the hollow North of the forest to its fire. The men cannot be induced to re-occupy their companies' sectors. The shots falling short come mostly from howitzers.

If the line of the forest is to continue to be held, as ordered, I entreat that a remedy be applied as quickly as possible. I request that an artillery liaison officer be sent to me at once; it is evident that it has not been possible for the artillery observation officer in the KREIMHILD Position to make accurate observations. When desultory firing against enemy's positions is to be undertaken I request that I may be notified in proper time beforehand.

(Sgd) SCHREIBER.

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Oct. 12, 1918.

EVENING REPORT

228th Infantry Division to
Group MEUSE—East.

The enemy made thrusts, during the evening hours with strong shock troops against the positions of 35th Fusilier Regiment but was forced back everywhere by strong machine gun and minenwerfer fire.

The enemy fired on our positions and rear areas, at times at a very lively rate.

Our artillery assisted the 32d Infantry Division from 8 A.M. on, in resisting heavy attacks on its sector, by a severe destructive fire. It also delivered a number of waves of destructive fire against KRONPRINZENTAL and EICHENTAL between 1 and 2 P.M., and fired upon KRONPRINZENTAL HEIGHTS, on account of reports from flyers that enemy columns were in march over KRONPRINZEN HEIGHTS. Furthermore it broke up communication in the rear.

Flyer activity lively on both sides.

Losses: artillery and infantry: one officer dead; one officer wounded; one officer missing; 4 men dead; 21 men wounded; 6 men missing.

Our H.W.L. runs: South edge NACHET WOOD—200 meters Northward, past CHAPELLE ST. PANTALEON—p, t. (Pl. Qu. 0956) w. (Pl. Qu. 0957) i, z, (Pl. Qu. 1057).

(Sgd) 228th Infantry Division.

[Note by Col. Sorley, U.S. Infantry: p°—t° (Pl. Qu. 0956) refers to blue points marked o, o, in square 0900 of the German 1:25,000 map, etc.]

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228th Infantry Division.
Division Order.

Headquarters Division SStaff,
Oct. 12, 1918.

By orders from Army Headquarters, preparation is to be made for a withdrawal of the division that may become necessary for the division together with the troops attached to it. In this connection it is to be assumed, in advance, that all troops, including staffs, will proceed by marching. The question of transportation by rail will come up only under certain extraordinary circumstances (for example for batteries not provided with drafts). The parts of troops and their impedimenta, provided with harness but that are not in marching condition for want of horses, will, however, be given consideration for transportation by rail (parts of the heavy baggage, wagons of staffs, etc.).

On Oct. 13, brigade, artillery, pioneer, intelligence detachments, sanitary companies, field hospitals, veterinary hospitals, and staff commanders will report, according to forms given below, what parts of their commands would, under conditions stated above, be entitled to railway transportation.

(Sgd) VON DER HEYDE.

Assignments for transportation by rail:

Formations or parts of formations as the case may be.	Of'cers	Men	Guns without drafts	Large vehicles requiring a railway car	Med. vehicles that can be loaded by twos	Small vehicles that can be loaded by threes
Heavy baggage . . .	1	21	0	2	2	3
Surplus vehicles of the staffs . . .	0	9	0	0	0	3
Machine gun wagons not in marching condition	0	3	0	1	0	0
Officers and men not in marching condition	1	30	0	0	0	0
Totals	2	63	0	3	2	6

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To the 228th Infantry Division.
From Artillery Commander.

Oct. 12, 1918. 8:15 A.M.

Very severe machine gun fire at JAGERBUSCH (Pl. Qu. 1260). The fire of enemy medium calibers is also increasing to a heavy bombardment at BEAUMONT and ORMONT WOOD.

(Sgd) Artillery Commander.

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Report of 1st Battery
92d Foot Artillery.

Oct. 12, 1918.

In Reference to Loss of Guns.

On Oct. 7, 1918, in the afternoon the battery received an order to withdraw two guns from their positions: North square 1160,/14, d, and South square 1261/11, a, which were occupied by two heavy pieces, at dawn of day, Oct. 8, and to load the artillery wagons with the ammunition in the positions; to let the first train haul away the ammunition remaining, and then set itself in march to BRANDEVILLE.

In the evening Oct. 7, heavy rains set in so that the road from ANTONIUS CROSS up to the South declivity of JAGERBUSCH [BOIS DE LA REINE] became very soft. The withdrawal of the guns and removing the ammunition from the North section was accomplished without difficulty because the stony road was readily traversable. Removing the ammunition from the South section required all the time from midnight to 6 A.M. notwithstanding that the horses from the limbers had been hitched at the head of the ammunition wagon teams while passing over the road from CREPION to ANTONIUS CROSS. The limbers were standing in readiness at CREPION. At 6 A.M., when the last loaded wagons arrived at the foot of the Southern declivity at ANTONIUS CROSS and the limbers were in march between CREPION and that elevated point, there began bolts of heavy enemy fire on JAGERBUSCH, ANTONIUS CROSS and CREPION. The two limbers were turned away from the road and awaited a cessation of the enemy's fire. After the evacuation of the North section had been completed I waited in vain until 10 A.M. for the firing to let up and then, in order that I might take charge of the march to BRANDEVILLE, gave instructions to Lieut. Conrad to go on to the South as soon as the enemy's fire made that in any way possible.

In the afternoon then, the limbers, led by Lieut. Conrad, attempted to go forward to their positions but that was not yet practicable on account of the severe fire.

On Oct. 9 Lieut. Conrad again went forward with fresh horses. He himself went on a by-road, on foot, to the place under fire and found that, on account of rooting up of the roads by impact of heavy projectiles, it would be impossible to bring the guns through without considerable work of leveling the passageway. He took along the gun crews and had the gun sights brought away for the time being.

On my order then, on Oct. 10, Lieut. Conrad, one acting officer and a detachment of 3 non-commissioned officers and 14 men, who had volunteered for the purpose, went forward to the limbers with entrenching appliances and provisions for 24 hours. The limbers, however, were able to go as far as CREPION only on account of the heavy fire. But the men succeeded in advancing, on foot, through the WAVRILLE RAVINE to within 500 meters of the position. But there they already met our advance posts lines (parts of the 3d Marschau Machine Gun Company of the 102d Infantry Regiment). Their leader stated that on account of heavy losses sustained they would have to go further back. Notwithstanding this, one man of the battery crept, under enemy machine gun fire, to the position and established the fact that the guns had been destroyed by enemy fire so that bursting them was no longer necessary. That that had not been done before is due to the fact that concealment of the battery was fully relied upon, since a further advance of the enemy on the flank had not been anticipated.

At 5:30 P.M. our advance infantry line drew further back to the ANTONIUS CROSS. By that there disappeared every possibility of concealing even the rest of the guns, which the battery had endeavored to accomplish. The men and horses then returned during the night.

The guns lost were:

Heavy field howitzer 13, with running out springs; barrel Nos. 2326 and 294; limber Nos. 2634 and 805.

No charts, printed matter nor orders were left behind.

(Sgd) RITTER,
First Lieut. and Batty Comdr.

To 3d Battery,
92d Foot Artillery Battalion.

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[No date given]

In the evening of Oct. 7 the battery received from the battery commander an order to remove the ammunition during the night, and the guns at early dawn, from their positions South of WAVRILLE and of the JAGERBUSCH. Compliance with the order was carried out up to the point of hauling away the guns in advance. They were in square 1260/19, a. About 5:30 A.M. the limbers were on the way to the guns, but were prevented from reaching them by the sudden outbreak of an enemy attack and by the severe blocking or interdiction fire, which covered the whole road from CREPION over the JAGERBUSCH.

An attempt of the officer in charge, Acting Officer Letzel, to get to the guns without limbers failed, because the region continued to be exposed to artillery and even machine gun fire. The accompanying mounted N.C.O. was wounded by artillery projectiles, but brought back from the firing lines some of the telephones that had been concealed by the gun crews. The condition of the roadway from ANTONIUS CROSS to the guns was, from the effect of heavy caliber projectiles, such that it appeared impossible to bring a limber, to say nothing about a gun, over this rooted-up ground, especially under continuous enemy fire.

Two further attempts made on that day in spite of all difficulties, failed even before CREPION, because from that village on, the whole ravine was under almost continuous heavy fire and gas.

To repeat the attempt after dark appeared inadvisable on account of the condition of the road. While the battery as a whole went away in a Northerly direction, the detachment, under the charge of Lieut. Letzel, remained during the night camped in the forest, in order to make another attempt in the morning of Oct. 9. But the difficulties had only increased early in the day on account of greater proximity of the enemy's lines, so that now the limbers could not get to the guns. However, the withdrawal of the gun crews that had up to this time remained with the guns and had succeeded in obtaining protection from fire in the deep ravines and dugouts, was successfully accomplished.

On Oct. 10 further attempts were not made on account of renewed attacks of the enemy.

On Oct. 11 the command again attempted to get to the guns on account of bad visibility caused by weather conditions. But the ground had been only more rooted-up than it was on the day previous, so that it would have required an excessive expenditure of labor and material to make the roads only passable. Letzel, therefore, went alone, with the battery commander and the gun crews, to the gun positions. This was now already between our outposts and the

infantry and the latter wanted to prevent our going to them, lest they might themselves be placed in danger. It was ascertained by inspection of the guns, that they had been materially damaged by hits on the trail ends and sight mountings. The gun crews further removed the breech blocks and buried the several parts separately, far apart one from the other. Both gun sights were hidden.

(Sgd) [illegible]

Lieut. of Reserves, Actg. Battery Commander.

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Report by 92d Foot Artillery Battalion,
To the Artillery Commander
228th Infantry Division.

In the Field, Oct. 12, 1918.

With Accompanying Reports from 1st Battery, 92d.

Even though every effort was made to conceal the guns, it did not succeed on account of the rapid advance of the enemy and the unfavorable condition of the roads. Notwithstanding the order of the infantry not to go forward again on account of the proximity of the enemy, the battery nevertheless made every attempt possible to get to the guns in order to obtain and recover at least parts of them. By these efforts it was established that the guns were completely shot up; the partially damaged gun sights were brought back.

Incident to the repeated attempts at concealment, 5 men and two horses were wounded.

The battery cannot be blamed for the loss of the guns.

(Sgd) KOHLER.

Received by the 228th Inf. Div.

Oct. 13, 1918.

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Artillery Commander 228th Infantry Division.
Submits his comments on loss of two
guns. Returned with two enclosures
to the Division.

With the reports of the battery leaders and the expressed conclusion of the Battalion Commander 1st Battalion 92d, and 3d Battery 92d.

I concur with the conclusion of Captain Koehler to this extent: that after the beginning of the increased enemy artillery fire effect, everything was done to conceal the guns. The mistake made was that the guns were not brought before [in advance of] the ammunition wagons. The probability of an enemy attack and a heavy searching and interdiction fire also was less in the evening and during the night than in the early morning. An officer ought to have been sent to establish the condition of the abandoned guns.

The battalion is charged to ascertain, at once, by an officer, whether the three guns abandoned were damaged by enemy fire to such an extent that bursting them is not necessary; otherwise that must be done without delay.

2 Enclosures.

(Sgd) SUASIUS.

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To 228th Infantry Division.

Oct. 12, 1918.

The 6th Battery, 39th Field Artillery has transferred its quarters from KALK OFEN LAGER to ALGER FERME. Liaison officer with 2d Battalion, 207th.

(Sgd) 104th Infantry Battalion.

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Firing Instructions by
Arty Commander, 228th Infantry Division.

Oct. 12, 1918.

For October 12, from 1 P.M. to 1 A.M.

Fire Surprise Attacks—mostly gas.

1. During the day against:
 - (a) KRONPRINZENTAL.
 - (b) EICHENTAL.
 - (c) HAGENMULDE.
 - (d) SCHAUMBURG MULDE.
2. Between 8 and 10 P.M.
 - (a) KRONPRINZEN HOLLOW.
 - (b) Wooded area at Pl. Qu. 1256, 16 a.
3. Between 10 and 12 P.M.
 - (a) Three corner hollow, Pl. Qu. 1456.
 - (b) KOHLER HOLLOW, P. Qu. 1356, 16.
4. During the night.
 - (a) KRONPRINZENTAL.
 - (b) EICHENTAL.
 - (c) Crossing of roads at CONSENVOYE.
 - (d) Crossing of roads at BRABANT.

Ammunition allotment: 1200 rounds field guns, or, correspondingly less with heavier calibers; gas ammunition wherever possible. Expenditure of ammunition will be regulated by the conditions of available supply.

(Sgd) SUASIUS.

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Fifth Company, 207th, Reports to:
2d Battalion 207th.

Oct. 12, 1918.

Our artillery of medium caliber fired much too short during the fire attack just opened at 3 P.M.; especially with the gun on the right.

I beg that this may be discontinued because the greater portion of the men of the company are hunting shelter at the NACHET WOOD cross road. The resistance to an attack against us might be jeopardized.

(Sgd) MARTIN,

Lieut. and Company Commander.

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207th Reserve Infantry Regiment.
To 104th Infantry Brigade.
Sent by 2d Battalion 207th.
To 207th Regiment.

Oct. 12, 1918.

VILLENEUVE FERME,

Oct. 12, 1918.

Rec'd Brig. Fighting Stand, 9 P.M.

1. With reference to the already reported short firing, the battalion transmits herewith three reports from the 5th, 7th and 2d Machine Gun Companies. The battalion begs that investigation be made to determine the battery concerned.

2. Battalion requests an artillery liaison officer.

3. The right wing of the 8th Company is, especially at night, in difficult position. Re-enforcements that could prevent a turning of this exposed and threatened flank are not at hand. For this reason the battalion moves the sub-patrol of the 6th Company on the Northwest corner of the NACHET WOOD at night to 1477; which then draws the 1st Machine Gun Company

stationed there nearer to the right and then places the 2d Machine Gun Company 200 meters further North of 1462.

4. The battalion is not able to furnish the men for a connecting patrol with 69th Regiment. Battalion requests that this patrol be supplied by the 4th Company as heretofore.

(Sgd) RENZ.

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Reports from the three companies above referred to:

207th Reserve Infantry Regiment to 104th Infantry Brigade.

Accompanying reports transmitted with the request that effort be made at higher headquarters to secure a remedy.

(Sgd) DOBERS.

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104th Infantry Brigade.

Oct. 12, 1918, 9:30 P.M.

To 228th Infantry Division.

With request for remedial action. Close combat group Hereforth has been advised.

6 Enclosures.

[Signature illegible].

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To the Artillery Commander. Urgent—to be expedited.

Oct. 12, 1918.

228th Infantry Division.

Commanding General requests this be taken up this forenoon.

(Sgd) LAENGE.

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To Artillery Commander, 228th Infantry Division.

Division Staff

By 228th Infantry Division.

Headquarters, Oct. 12, 1918.

Army Headquarters demands fixing which battery fired into the NACHET WOOD between 2 and 3 P.M. today and consequently fired short. Report as soon as possible.

(Sgd) LAENGE.

Taken up with the Chief and settled, Oct .14.

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Division Staff Headquarters.

Oct. 12, 1918, 11:30 P.M.

DIVISION ORDER

1. Under conditions of reckless exposure of his infantry, the enemy attempted penetration of the 33d Infantry Division toward MOIREY today, but was driven back with extremely heavy losses. At the 228th Infantry Division a number of attacks by shock troops were driven off with losses to the enemy. The 1st minenwerfers and machine guns did especially good work in this. (Telephoned ahead).

2. From 6 A.M. Oct. 13 one battalion of 84th Landwehr Infantry Regiment will stand ready as group reserve at REVILLE, ETRAYE and CREPION respectively. The regimental staff at battle station, NEW REVILLE. (Telephoned ahead).

3. The Landsturm Battalion Ingolstadt (less 2d Company) set apart at REVILLE, is placed under the direction of the 104th Infantry Brigade as an

emergency force at the KREIMHILD Position. Strength of organizations to be reported promptly. The battalion will, at the same time, be utilized in building up the KREIMHILD Position. (To be telephoned ahead).

4. The 48th Infantry Regiment arrives, during the day of Oct. 13, at BRANDEVILLE, and is, for the present, division reserve.

5. The artillery will deliver a number of waves of destructive fire upon KRONPRINZEN and EICHENTAL between 4:30 and 6:00 A.M. Oct. 13. (Telephoned ahead).

6. The significance of light signals is apparently not generally known. They are:

Green: Destructive fire on KRONPRINZENTAL.

Red: Destructive fire on EICHENTAL.

Yellow: Destructive fire on HILL 371.

7. Prisoners are to be brought to BRANDEVILLE (local authorities); approximate time of arrival to be reported to the division. The accompanying details will be given brief written reports showing from which place or where they were taken, as well as the units (regiments or batteries) that captured them.

8. Attention is invited to compliance with army headquarters order 5, Ia. No. 10/45, of Oct. 10, 1918, (copy for the infantry regiments enclosed). The brigade reports that verification of positions of machine guns has been effected.

9. Artillery commander will see that three observation batteries, with flying observers and radio communication, are ready to begin firing by noon tomorrow at the very latest. Flyer's observation must be taken advantage of to the greatest extent in view of the many advantageous targets that are available.

(Sgd) VON DER HEYDE.

Certified correct:

LAENGE,
Captain General Staff.

[Comdg. Gen'l. 228th Div.]

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By Artillery Commander.
228th Infantry Division.

Received 228th Infantry Division.
Returned: To the Division: Oct. 13, 1918.

Investigation has established:

1. That the batteries knew that the NACHET WOOD is in our possession, since a part of them participated in the firing attack by which it was recaptured.

2. That on Oct. 12, between 2 and 5 o'clock no battery of this command participated in any fire against the NACHET WOOD.

3. That no battery subject to this command fired on the NACHET WOOD at the time mentioned in reports.

Further investigation made Oct. 13, 1918, has shown that on occasion of the destructive firing the batteries were covering the territory assigned to each one of them with their fire, hence firing through on the NACHET WOOD is out of the question.

(Sgd) SUASIUS.

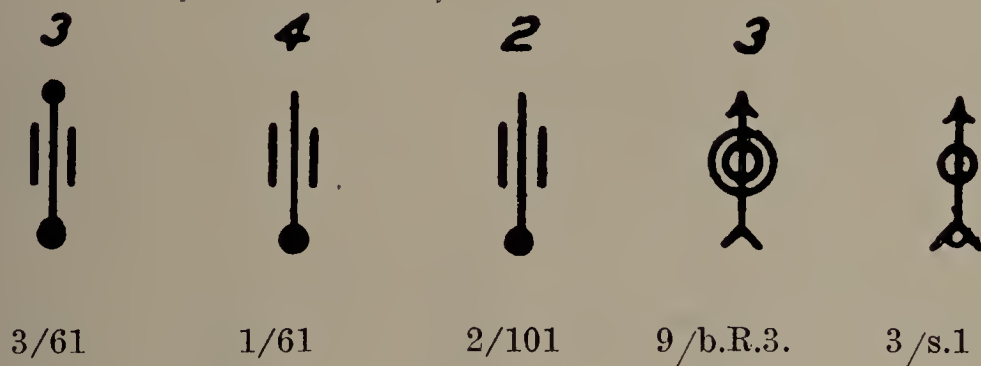
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Table showing the tactical Organization and Distribution of the Artillery of the 228th Infantry Division on Oct. 13, 1918, prepared by the Artillery Commander of the Division. *SECRET.*

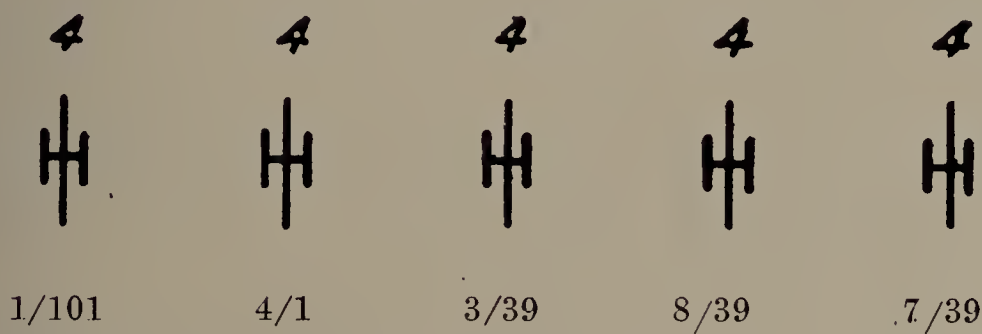
[Conventional signs explained on Page 460 *ante.*]

Close Combat Group: Major Herforth. 3d Staff Bavarian, Reserve Foot Artillery Regiment, Fighting Stand: BREHEVILLE.

Sub-group Kober: Major Kober: Det. Staff, 1st Hv'y Fld. Reg.



Sub-group Wachs: Capt. Wachs: 2d Btl. 39th. Fightg. Stand Square 0660 nd.



Group Niemann: Major Niemann, Staff 39th Field Artillery Regiment, Battle Station: BRANDEVILLE.

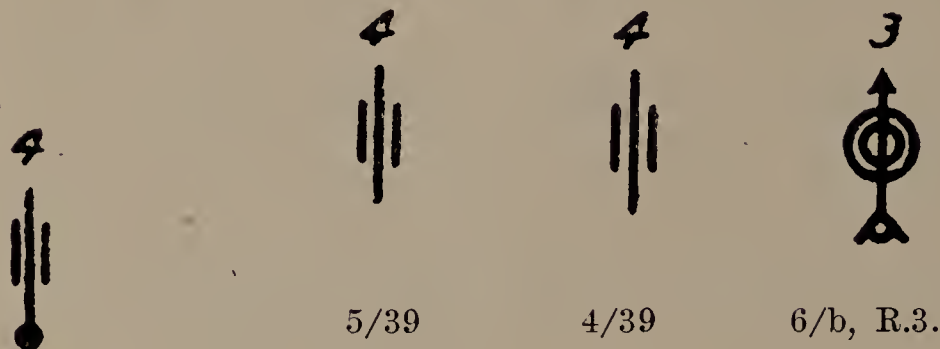
Sub. Group Thom, Capt. Thom
Staff 1st Btl. 39th;
Stand: Square 0356.



Sub. Group Kohler: Capt. Kohler.
Staff 92d Foot Arty,
Stand: BRANDEVILLE.



Sub. Group Wegener: Capt. Wegener:
Staff 2d Btl. 39th.



6/39.—Escort battery for 207th Reserve Infantry Regiment.
(Sgd) KRENZ,
Lieut. Reserves.

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Report to Commanding General.
Group—MEUSE—East, by
228th Infantry Division.

Headquarters 228th Division.
Oct. 13, 1918.

From Ia/Arty. 4240, op. of Oct. 11, 1918, Par. 5, with reference to the availability for service of the 10th Bavarian Reserve Foot Artillery Regiment, and of the 3d Bavarian Reserve Foot Artillery Regiment:

1. Staff 10th Bavarian Reserve Foot Artillery Regiment.
 - 2d Battalion, 10th Bavarian Reserve Foot Artillery Regiment.
 - 2d Battery, 10th Bavarian Reserve Foot Artillery Regiment.
 - 3d Battery, 10th Bavarian Reserve Foot Artillery Regiment.
 - 6th Battery, 10th Bavarian Reserve Foot Artillery Regiment.
 - 8th Battery, 10th Bavarian Reserve Foot Artillery Regiment.
 - 1st Machine Gun Companies, 116th, 102d, 121st.
- Are available for service.

The staff of the first section is available for service after replacement of its equipment of telephone, signal light and observation appliances that are necessary under normal service conditions.

Staff 3d section is not available for service but can be restored by the regiment. (Time required 14 days). It is short, aside from the normal equipment, of necessary records. Three officers, among them the Commanding officer, are prisoners of war. Quarters at the Hungarian Camp. The 1st battery is short: 2 field cannon 16 with appurtenances, telephone and observation

apparatus and tables of fire. It will be available for service after replacement of these.

The 5th Battery will be available for service after assignment to it of 4 light field howitzers 16 and of the normal telephone equipment.

The 4th Battery has lost its entire artillery implement equipment. Will require for re-establishment 14 days. The 4th is quartered at BRANDEVILLE CAMP.

2. Staff 3d Bavarian Reserve Foot Artillery,
Staff 2d Battery, 3d Bavarian Reserve Foot Artillery,
Staff 3d Battery, 3d Bavarian Reserve Foot Artillery,
Staff 4th Battery, 3d Bavarian Reserve Foot Artillery,
The 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th Batteries,
The 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th Trains,
Are available for service.

The 5th Battery will be available for service after assignment to it of: 5 complete mortars; 5 barrel and 3 belt wagons complete. In addition the battery is short 53 men of its full complement.

The 5th train is short: 2 ammunition wagons, 02, and 1 baggage wagon 05. The 8th Train is short 39 draft horses.

The 7th Battery is short: 2 ammunition tractors for which requisition has already been made to the principal supply depot.

The 9th Train is not available for service. The draft of the train was, by order of Chief Supply Depot, distributed to the 8th and 9th Battery. The train has been withdrawn, for the time being, to VEZIN (railway line MONTMEDY).

A copy has been sent to the 2d Battalion for its information.

(Sgd) VON DER HEYDE.

From Radio Station to: * * * * * Oct. 13, 10:55 A.M.
The 228th Infantry Division.

Barrage fire just opened. Heard by 32d Infantry Division.

Appears to be premature; attack did not take place.

(Sgd) Radio Station 228th Inf. Div.

To 228th Infantry Division. * * * * * Oct. 13, 1918, 12:55 P.M.
From Group MEUSE—East.

Army Headquarters wires: Referring to Ia, Arty. No. 6505, Army Group Gallwitz enquires: "How will enemy traffic be held up from the South and West across the MEUSE, in sectors East of the MEUSE opposite the 7th Reserve division, 228th Infantry Division, 32d and 15th Infantry Divisions, by artillery fire? Report requested accompanied by simple sketches, together with statement of proposed expenditure of ammunition at the several places concerned." The Group adds: Separate reports to be at hand Oct. 14. In regard to expenditure of ammunition: the average daily expenditure during the last five days of fighting against each of the several places named is to be given.

(Sgd) Group MEUSE—East.

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To 228th Infantry Division. Rec'd Oct. 13,—6:00 P.M.
Sender 32d Infantry Division. Through Flyer 32d Inf. Div.

At 10:15 A.M. there was developed an attack against trigonometrical point

165. Due to the immediately-placed destructive fire, the attack did not reach fulfillment. This forenoon a flyer appearing over 103d Infantry Regiment caused an enemy artillery fire attack by his machine gun fire, against road between GROSSER STERN and ETRAYE RAVINE. In the ORMONT WOOD the switch trench line was pushed forward as far as line 1260, z, 1361, e. Ifel [?] reports that its own men showed themselves by waving cloths at 1:15 P.M. at the West and South edges of ORMONT WOOD, but we must await further confirmation by reports from the troops. In the attacks against the 177th yesterday there were counted 400 dead Americans in front of the 1st Battalion. One prisoner of the 29th American Division, a Swede by birth, says that the attacks in the direction of GIBERCEY will be permanently continued. The troops, including parts of 102d and 177th Infantry Regiments, stationed in ORMONT WOOD and South of trigonometrical point 160 have been comfortably provided for in the last few days.

(Sgd) 32d Infantry Division.

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To the 228th Infantry Division.

Oct. 13, 1918.

Taken up by Flyer 7th Reserve Division.

Sent by 7th Reserve Division.

Slight enemy artillery activity in forenoon. Customary searching fire against advanced lines, battery positions and roads of approach; in the afternoon the fire became more intense. Test firing of our own batteries on the forest of MARAUX. Desultory firing on the forests of LIMON, JURE, DANNEVOUX, and roads between DANNEVOUX—GERCOURT and the MEUSE, against river crossings at CONSENVOYE, TURKENSCHLUCHT and SCHAUMBURG MULDE, as well as upon command posts and dugouts at Qu. 1357. Long range firing against rearward enemy positions. Toward noon, fire to assist front of MEUSE—Group—East. Isolated enemy machine gun shots from the Westward MEUSE road against sector K.

The 165th Foot Artillery has been withdrawn and given to the 115th Infantry Division.

One half 4th Battery and one half 7th Foot Artillery is held in readiness in harness at Qu. 556. Casualties: 1 slightly wounded.

(Sgd) 7th Reserve Division.

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To Group MEUSE—East,

Oct. 13, 1918.

By 228th Division.

EVENING REPORT

Quiet day. Slight enemy desultory firing on infantry and battery positions. Our batteries fired against roads of approach and ravines.

At 207th Reserve Regiment the enemy was shot up and forced to leave the PANTALEON CHAPELLE Position, and the CHAPELLE as well as the rifle pits in proximity were then occupied by our infantry. A number of light and heavy machine guns, a German 7.7 cm cannon and 2 American rapid fire guns were hidden. A patrol of 35th Fusilier Regiment went forward in the forest at MAGENTA FERME and established the presence of a large number of American dead of the 129th Infantry Regiment. The enemy has dug out rifle pits West of the GROSSER STERN, but is not, at present, occupying them.

No flyer activity.

Losses: 1 artillery officer dead; 5 men dead.

2 officers wounded; 11 men wounded.

2 horses dead; 7 horses wounded.

Infantry: 2 men dead; 8 men wounded.

Of the 1 officer and 6 men reported missing yesterday the officer and 4 men were found dead.

(Sgd) 228th Infantry Division.

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To 32d Royal Saxon Infantry Division.

Hdqrs. Div. Staff,

From 228th Infantry Division.

Oct. 13, 1918.

DIVISION ORDER WITH REFERENCE TO RELIEF.

(SECRET).

1. The 1st Landwehr Division will be shoved in between the 32d and 15th Infantry Divisions.

2. New boundaries between 32d Infantry and Landwehr Division: OR-MONT FERME—(to 1st Landwehr Division)—Pl. Qu. 1360, h.—Pl. Qu. 1260, s, (to 1st Landwehr Division). Point 329,2 at ANTONIUS CROSS—West line of the forest of CREPION—West line village WAVRILLE—PEUVILLERS (to the 32d Infantry Division).

3. Designations for the Division Sectors:

228th Infantry Division, BRABANT.

32d Infantry Division, ETRAYE.

1st Landwehr Division, FLABAS.

4. Transfer of command by 1st Landwehr Division: Oct. 14, forenoon. Division staff quarters: VITTARVILLE; brigade staff quarters: MORAUX FERME.

5. The 177th Infantry Regiment, posted in the sector to be taken over, will with its staff be relieved in the night Oct. 13/14 by heavy machine gun and minenwerfer and in the night of Oct. 14/15 by 84th Landwehr Infantry Regiment.

6. Austrian Jager Regiment Marschau of the 15th Infantry Division will be relieved in the night Oct. 12/13, by 31st Landwehr Infantry Regiment. 120th Infantry Regiment will be withdrawn to the SCHNEIDEMULDE for disposal by the group.

7. The 177th Infantry Regiment will, after its relief, be drawn back as division reserve, to the region of the fighting position of 102d. There communications will be set in order and equipment completed.

8. The 84th Landwehr Regiment takes station at 6 A.M. as group reserve, with one battalion at REVILLE, ETRAYE and CREPION respectively. Regimental staff at the brigade fighting post. One officer of the battalion at CREPION will be at the fighting station as officer for receiving orders.

9. The relief of 177th Infantry Regiment by 84th Landwehr Regiment will be directed by the commanding officer of the 63d Infantry Brigade. He will be held specially responsible that no ground is lost and that communications are kept intact during the relief.

10. All details for the relief cannot be stated in an all embracing order but will arrange themselves in accord with the fighting situation, in accordance with which orders that follow may also have to be modified, to conform to changing circumstances.

11. There will be established in the advance line:

1 battalion in ORMONT WOOD and 1 battery South of ORMONT WOOD, up to the left division wing.

One battery in reserve with the 5th and 4th Companies in front of MOIREY and 1st and 4th in FLABAS RAVINE.

12. In the course of the day on Oct. 13 the 63d Infantry Brigade will, before beginning of the relief, and by means of officers patrols, securely fix: direction of the most advance line; connection with 102d Infantry Regiment and 31st Landwehr Infantry Regiment, and decide, especially where the left wing of 177th shall be posted. The 63d Infantry Brigade will submit report on this matter evening Oct. 13.

13. In the night Oct. 13/14, and in the morning Oct. 14, officer patrols of 177th Infantry Regiment and of the 84th Landwehr Infantry Regiment, together with officer patrols of 102d Infantry Regiment, and 31st Landwehr Infantry Regiment, respectively will arrange times for conference for fixing the regimental communications and provide with company commanders or battalion commanders, as the case may be, for possible changes of places of the connecting organizations that circumstances may render necessary. In this connection the three participating officer patrols will submit a written report of their conferences with sketches certified by their signatures, to the division on the evening of Oct. 14.

15. Advance parties will be sent as far forward as the fighting situation permits. There must, however be sent forward only such number of officers and non-commissioned officers as will leave the regiments in proper condition for attacking at all times.

16. Retained organizations of 177th Infantry Regiment will be left for 24 hours with 64th Landwehr Infantry Regiment, also with every staff, machine gun and minenwerfer company. There will remain with each one officer with each company and with machine gun company one non-commissioned officer and one qualified man.

17. Even under conditions of quiet during the relief, it will be carried on in such manner that the battalions of the front lines make up, within the limits of their fighting radii in the ANTONIUS switch trenches and in the VOLKER Position, their fighting organizations and go forward in those formations to reach the advance lines.

18. The artillery of sector FLABAS will be made up of: 1st Landwehr Infantry Division, 239th Field Artillery Regiment; regimental staff, 19th Reserve Foot Artillery; 2d Battery, 7th Reserve Foot Artillery and 2d Battery, 19th Reserve Foot Artillery.

19. Artillery commander arranges, in concert with artillery commander of 1st Landwehr Infantry Division, the transfer of the firing areas under protection in front of the sector of the 84th Landwehr Infantry Regiment.

20. The boundary of artillery fighting sections between 32d Infantry and 1st Landwehr Infantry Division are: division boundary Southeast line SAMOGNEUX—East line ST. NEUVILLE—Southeast corner of the principal work of FORT NARRE.

21. Division intelligence commander will see, in agreement with commander 1st Landwehr Infantry Division intelligence detachment, to cross connections with 1st Landwehr Infantry Division. He will, as far as possible, conform to the requirements of group intelligence command with reference to furnishing assistance for building up the system.

22. If in course of the relief an attack is made by the enemy, every relief

movement will cease at once. All troops relieved and those waiting to be relieved will place themselves under the direction of the nearest leader.

23. No organization will leave its station until the relieving detachment has reached its place and the commander of the relieving organization has acquiesced in the departure of the detachment relieved.

24. *Furthermore*: "Pamphlet [of instructions] For All Reliefs" (Division Commander Order 279/IK. Secret, op, of Sept. 7, 1918) is in force as far as the fighting situation may not necessitate modifications.

(Sgd) VON SCHEEL.

Certified correct:

(Sgd) WINKLER.

Capt. General Staff.

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Oct. 13, 1918, 8 P.M.

GROUP ORDER

1. The day passed quietly along the entire group front. It must be taken into account that the enemy will continue the attacks tomorrow, with fresh forces.

2. The 1st Landwehr Division will, in the evening of Oct. 14, assume command in its sector.

3. The 33d Landwehr Infantry Regiment must, at 8 A.M. Oct. 14, arrive at LISSEY, REVILLE and MORIMONT CAMP with one battalion at each place. Regimental staff: REVILLE. Communication to be established with brigade staff at NEW REVILLE.

4. The Battalion of 120th Infantry Regiment, now with the 15th Infantry Division will be set in march to the HESSENLAGER in the forenoon of Oct. 14, and the two battalions with the 32d Infantry Division, together with the regimental staff, will be set in march to the same place in the forenoon of Oct. 15.

5. Assault battalion Rohr will be set in march by the 228th Infantry Division by narrow gauge railway transportation to MONTMEDY. [Marginal note opposite par. 5 reads: Matter of narrow gauge railway attended to].

6. The brigade staff of the 7th Reserve Division will be relieved by the brigade staff 117th Infantry Division.

7. There will arrive at CHARENCEY—VEZIN, in course of Oct. 13/14: staff 1st Battalion, 1st and 4th Batteries, 19th Artillery, with train and half-train of the 2d Battery, Staff 3d Battalion, 8th and 9th Batteries, with train and 10th Battery, and half-train of 6th Battery.

The parts to arrive are assigned to the 15th Infantry Division, except the half train of the 6th Battery, which will be attached to the 1st Landwehr Division. The destination of the movement is to be communicated to the director of the railway station at CHARENCEY—VEZIN.

8. Immediately after the arrival of the 3d Battalion, 18th Reserve Artillery, the 11th and 12th Batteries, 3d Bavarian Foot Artillery, of the 15th Infantry Division must be withdrawn from the front and placed at the disposal of the 32d Infantry Division for assignment to position. After arrival of the battalion at the 32d Infantry Division, 135th Foot Artillery Battalion returns to the command of the 15th Infantry Division.

9. According to a report at hand there were no means of artillery communication with the advance infantry established in a certain sector of the front. There was also want of connection between infantry regimental com-

manders and close combat sub-groups. I require that these failures be at once corrected and that where the sub-group commanders are not, for special reasons, connected with the regimental commander of infantry, there must be at least an artillery liaison officer at hand.

(Sgd) MEUSE—Group—East.

[Marginal note to paragraph 9: Artillery commander remarks: "Was that the case with us?" Transmitted to Artillery Commander 11:40 (?) Oct. 13.]

Addendum to Group Order above quoted, by Lieut. Throm of the Group:

10. Until further orders only the red light signal will indicate the call for annihilating artillery fire. Green light signals will indicate: "Increase the range"; white signals: "I am here." These signals take effect October 15 at 5 A.M.

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228th Division Intelligence Station.

Headquarters Division Staff.
Oct. 13, 1918.

EVENTS OF THE DAY

Fighting Activities. Enemy infantry struck the positions of 35th Fusilier Regiment with strong patrols at the noon hour. Opponent was driven away every where by heavy machine gun and minenwerfer fire.

Our Infantry with a patrol of the 35th Fusilier Regiment kept forward touch during the morning hours in the region of GROSSER STERN and was there fired upon so that it had to return. It established the fact that the opponent had made holes in the ground every 20 meters 2 meters long and 1 meter deep and had covered them with twigs.

Our H.W.L. runs: South edge NACHET WOOD 200 meters North past PANTALEON CHAPELLE—p—t (Pl. Qu. 0956)—wl—(Pl. Qu. 0957) i—z.

Enemy Artillery. Incident to the poor visibility on account of haze, enemy artillery activity was very limited during the day and at night; during the noonday hours the fire was materially more intense; it was directed against the left wing of 35th Fusilier Regiment. Enemy desultory firing and intermittent fire attacks were in addition delivered against road, woods, villages, principally BRANDEVILLE, BREHEVILLE and REVILLE.

Our Artillery assisted, during the day the left neighboring division in its resistance of severe enemy attacks, by heavy destructive fire against JAGER-BUSCH, MOLLEVILLE RAVINE, bridges, CONSENVOYE and ORMONT RAVINE.

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October 13, 1918.

DAILY OCCURRENCES.

Flier Activity: Strong enemy anti-aircraft barricades in the sector.

Special Observations. Lively foot movement in rear of enemy's positions. Utilization of information obtained from enemy intelligence apparatus (telephone, ground telegraph wires, ground wireless, telegraphs) confirmed the presence of the 33d American Infantry Division.

To 104th Infantry Brigade:

With request for verification.

104th Infantry Brigade.

Replies under date Oct. 16: No change.

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Artillery Commander 228th Division. Oct. 14, 1918.
 Reports on foregoing communication from Group Hdqrs. to Division Headquarters.

There are, in front of the 228th Infantry Division five crossings over the MEUSE, as has been ascertained up to this time. To interrupt passage over the MEUSE there have been placed under fire:

1. Crossings over the MEUSE.

2. The points of movement of motor traffic at CONSENVOYE and BRAEANT. Since assuming command on Oct. 10 there have been fired daily, on an average:

At points indicated by 2, 4, 7 and 8 on chart: 50 rounds at each.

At points indicated by 2, 4, 7 and 5 on chart: 25 rounds at each.

At points indicated by 1, 3, 6, 9 and 5 on chart: 50 rounds at each.

J Chart accompanying.

(Sgd) GRAF.
 Captain and Adjutant.

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Sent by 7th Reserve Division. Oct. 14, 1918, 6 A.M.
 To 228th Infantry Division.

Lively enemy artillery fire mixed with gas on forest of EPINOIS, depressions at LINY—FONTAINES, artillery positions Northeast HAUMONT and in region West of the WINDMILL CROSS; lively long range fire against the rearward areas (DUN, MARVAUX, MILLY, LEON and COTE ST. GERMAIN).

Continuous strong fire by our own batteries to assist in resistance to attacks against front of MEUSE Group—West. Fire with gas accompaniment on forest of DANEVEUX and FORGES, and against sub posts at BELHAINE MILL, firing stands at Pl. Qu. 1365, KRONPRINZENTAL, depression South of SIVRY and Northwest CONSENVOYE as well as against the village CONSENVOYE and the bridges West of it.

No infantry activity on our nor the enemy's part. One enemy flyer over our position in the afternoon.

Losses: 1 dead, 1 medical officer and 1 man severely wounded, 5 men wounded.

The 233d Infantry Brigade assumed command at 11 A.M.

(Sgd) 7th Reserve Division.

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MORNING REPORT

228th Division. Oct. 14, 1918.
 To Group MEUSE—East.

Night passed quietly. Slight enemy artillery fire against infantry positions and rearward areas. Minenwerfer fire against PANTALEON CHAPELLE.

Our artillery fired on enemy battery positions and rearward areas. Third Battalion, 207th drove back a strong enemy patrol against NACHET WOOD.

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Report by Flyer. Oct. 14, 8:30 P.M.

Severe enemy artillery firing during the last 20 minutes on HEIGHT EICHENBERG, but is now moderating.

From Signal Station HARAUMONT.

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GROUP ORDER

1. Severe attacks against Group ARGONNE and MEUSE—West generally driven off.

2. All combat troops within the group limits must be ready for action from 5:30 A.M. on. 33d Landwehr Regiment is to be ready to march from 6 A.M. on.

Connection will be established with the fighting stand at NEW REVILLE. The battalions at LISSY and REVILLE are to be incorporated tomorrow in the sector of the 228th Infantry Division ready for possible attacks. From 4 A.M. on waves of artillery fire are to be delivered on the regions anticipated as preparation by the enemy of his attack approaches; principally with gas.

3. The 1st Austrian Infantry Division will, on Oct. 17, relieve the 177th Infantry Division in the sector VILOSNES. The 117th Infantry Division becomes Army reserve, going to LOUPPY.

4. With reference to the very heavy losses of horses: holding together large masses of horses harnessed to batteries at the stands of readiness for action is considered essential only where conditions permit these harnessed horses to be placed under cover.

(Sgd) MEUSE—East.

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Oct. 14, 10:45 P.M.

32d Infantry Division reports to
228th Infantry Division.

NOON DAY REPORT

Relief of 177th Infantry Regiment by 84th Landwehr Infantry Regiment completed. Regiment assembled at THURINGER LAGER.

The parts of 102d Infantry Regiment stationed with 177th will also be assembled at once in the THURINGER LAGER and will there be echeloned in rear of JAGER HEIGHTS [ETRAYE RIDGE] as reserve for the left wing.

The reserve (2d Pioneer Company and assault training section) will be posted in the vicinity of the brigade battle position.

Patrols of 105th Infantry Regiment found the MOLLEVILLE RAVINE East of MOLLEVILLE free of the enemy. The opponent fired on the MOLLEVILLE RAVINE with artillery.

(Sgd) 32d Infantry Division.

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Hdqs. Div. Staff, 228th Inf. Div.

Oct. 14, 11:05 P.M.

DIVISION ORDER

1. Severe attacks against Group ARGONNE and MEUSE—West have practically failed.

2. Increased "preparedness for action" [ordered] on Oct. 15, from 5:50 A.M. on. 48th Infantry Regiment will hold itself in readiness in its position, from that time on, to come into action when alarm signal is given. Cessation of condition of readiness will be ordered by the division.

3. Landwehr Battalion Ingolstadt will, at order for "increased readiness for action," automatically take station in the KREIMHILD Position.

4. Between 4 and 6 A.M. the artillery will deliver two waves of destructive fire on KRONPRINZEN and EICHENTAL and HILL 371 respectively;

gas if weather conditions are favorable.

5. The battalion of 84th Landwehr Infantry Regiment, heretofore stationed at REVILLE will be replaced by 1st Battalion, 35th Landwehr Infantry Regiment; that and also another battalion of 35th are ordered to take station in the sector of 228th Infantry Division (as group reserve).

6. In case of a possible pushing in of the enemy over the HOHENEICHENBERG it will become possible for the artillery to subject the advancing enemy to a direct fire from the high ground Southeast of ALGER FERME; artillery commander will see to the necessary preliminary preparations for this.

7. It is very necessary to bring in prisoners to clear up the situation of the enemy. A venture to that effect must therefore be made in every regimental sector aside from and independent of customary daily patrol activities.

8. Pursuant to instructions from Army Headquarters, 5, Ia/art. No. 6530, adjacent artillery commanders must be in immediate and direct communication. Until these means of communication are perfected "urgent orders regarding conduct of firing" will have precedence over the ordinary official conversations. The means of communication will be laid by General Headquarters.

Certified correct: (Sgd) VON DER HEYDE.

(Sgd) LAENGE.

Captain General Staff.

Telephoned in advance;

Dictated to receivers of orders.

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Observers Report, Oct. 14, 12:50 [P.M.?]]

Complete quiet on the division front SIVRY—GROSSER STERN, neither infantry nor artillery activity observed.

Neither balloon nor flyer activity; some infantry men made signal gestures at VILLENEUVE FERME.

On account of low flying clouds at 200 meter elevation the completion of the flight to BRABANT had to be given up because flying craft was not armored.

(Sgd) Lieut. BUSCH.

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Reports by Fliers.

Oct. 14.

Forwarded to 104th Infantry Brigade.

By 228th Infantry Division.

On Oct. 13, between 8 and 10 A.M. most advanced infantry line was being photographed by infantry flyer. Flyer may be recognized by discharge of white star cartridges. Flying craft has two white pennants on steering arm.

Infantry and also most advanced posts on H.W.L. are putting out white linens and firing white signal lights.

(Sgd) DAUSCH.

(Sgd) 228th Infantry Division.

Transmitted at 11:25 P.M. to Brigade (Captain Bullrich).

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Oct. 14, 1918.

GROUP ORDER

1. Severe attacks against right and center of 32d Infantry Division were driven off. We may count on continuation of attacks tomorrow.

2. The Landwehr Battalion, 33d Infantry Regiment has been withdrawn to LISSEY; the battalion pushed forward to ETRAYE will take quarters in ETRAYE CAMP. 33d Landwehr Infantry Regiment will be ready, in its quarters, to march at 6:30 A.M. Regimental staff will maintain connection with the brigade staff at NEW REVILLE.

3. Division will take all necessary precautions so that any possible enemy attack will find the troops in complete fighting readiness.

4. The division must see that means for rapid communication from most advanced lines back to division staff posts are available, especially if tele-phones lines should fail. (Well placed lines of runners; timely despatch of officers to distant points of positions of commanders). The 228th Division must arrange for a line of runners in the region of the crossings of the roads BREHEVILLE—HARAUMONT, and BRANDEVILLE—HARAUMONT.

5. Occasion has arisen to invite attention to the fact that pioneer troops are to be used for technical work and to be employed as infantry only in cases of the utmost necessity. (Sgd) Ia. 4397.

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Report by 104th Infantry Brigade.

Oct. 15, 5:35 P.M.

Two enemy flyers flying low over our position. Are discharging yellow light balls, which [signals] are being carried to the rear by the enemy. Fliers are not being fired upon by our anti-aircraft guns.

(Sgd) 104th Infantry Brigade.

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228th Division.

Hq., Oct. 15, 1918.

Division Message Center.

EVENTS DURING THE DAY

From 6 A.M., 14.10, to 6 A.M., 15.10

Battle Activities: A patrol of the 35th Füsilier Regiment found the GROSSER STERN free of the enemy. A second patrol brought hostile rifles and some letters from the woods in the EICHEN RAVINE. For the rest it was quiet, not counting the machine gun fire on both sides.

Hostile artillery activity was unimportant and was confined to fire surprises and interdiction fire on infantry and battery positions as well as on the terrain in rear, being specially directed against the SOLFERINO FERME, SILLON FONTAINE FERME, West Road, BREHEVILLE, LISSEY and ETRAYE. Between 8 and 10 P.M. the hostile artillery delivered a heavy fire against the HOHEN EICHEN HILL.

Our artillery delivered medium interdiction fire on routes of approach and ravines and concentrated fire-surprises mixed partly with gas on the KRON-PRINZEN VALLEY, KRONPRINZ HILL, EICHEN RAVINE, and on the batteries in action in Pl. Qu. (Map square) 1255/25 b d and 9/b/10a, on the MEUSE crossing at CONSENVOYE and on BRABANT.

Aerial activity unimportant on either side.

At the *neighboring divisions* the day also passed without special events.

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Sender

Id/R

Lt. Heller

Sent Oct. 15, 1918 8:55 A.M.

Position from ETRAYE WOOD to SIVRY under heavy hostile fire.

Army Headquarters Look-out, HARAUMONT.

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Sender:

Date:

Hour

Lt. Schneider.

Oct. 15, 1918.

10:35 A.M.

to:

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Hostile fire revived from HOHEN EICHEN HILL to the ETRAYE

WOOD; very remarkable that heavy caliber fire strikes at ETRAYE WOOD (on the HOHEN EICHEN HILL the enemy fires with small calibers).

Artillery Commander.

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To A. 228th Division.
MEUSE GROUP EAST.
Hq. V. Reserve Corps.
Ja No. 4383

16/17 Oct.
Corps Hq. Oct. 15, 1918.
12:00 Noon issue of orders
Ia X

228th Division. Rec'd 15 Oct., 1918. Ent. Diary No. 5718/18.

GROUP ORDERS

(1) The portions of the 117th Division in the sector VILOSNES will be relieved during the nights of October 16/17 and 17/18th by the Austrian 1st Division, less Regiment Marschau. During the course of the 18th the 1st Austrian Division will assume command of the sector VILOSNES. Hour will be designated later.

The 7th Reserve Division will supervise the relief.

(2) Boundary line towards the sector of the 228th Division will be: the bend in the MEUSE CANAL 1 km. North of SIVRY (number 968 at North-west corner of Map Square 953)—HARAUMONT (to 1st Division)—HARAUMONT ROAD—BRANDEVILLE (to 1st Division). [Marginal note on original]: From when on?

(3) The 2d Battalion, 69th Regiment, the Jäger Regiment Marschau and the two machine gun companies of the Landsturm Battalion Heilbronn will be under orders of the 228th Division. The portions of the Shock-Battalion of the 106th Austrian Division now in SIVRY will be drawn up from the sector VILOSNES after consultation with the 228th Division. The Jäger Regiment Marschau will not be inserted till the night of October 17/18th. The 228th Division will assume command of SIVRY sector also, the forenoon of the 18th; hour to be designated later.

(4) The following will remain as reserves at the disposal of the Group in the sectors of VILOSNES and BRABANT:

Shock-battalion of the 1st Austrian Division, in vicinity of LINY.

One battalion, 48th Regiment, North of HARAUMONT.

One battalion, 207th Regiment, KALKOFEN CAMP.

(5) The following artillery units will join sector VILOSNES:

(a) The divisional artillery of the 1st Austrian Division.

The 2d, 3d, 5th Batteries of the 1st Austrian, 5th of the 101st Austrian, 2d Heavy of the 1st Austrian, who still have to receive their new guns, must complete the change of guns by October 22d. During the change of guns they had best not be inserted.

(b) 505th Field Artillery Regiment.

(c) Request has been sent to Army Headquarters to attach the 2d Battalion of the 7th Reserve Foot Artillery (2 batteries large mortars, 1 battery 15 cm cannon 16).

(d) The 165th Foot Artillery Battalion will probably join the flat-trajectory group. Detailed orders follow.

(6) The single batteries will be relieved by sections so that there will be no interruption in the fire protection of our front nor that the MEUSE crossings will not be under fire.

(7) Artillery-fire boundary lines:

Between MEUSE Group West and 1st Austrian Division: West edge of BRIEULLES—West edge of BOIS DE SEPTSARGES—West edge of SEPTSARGES; between 1st Austrian Division and 228th Division: Division limits—West edge of DANNEVOUX—West edge of BOIS JURE—West edge of BETHINCOURT; between 228th Division and 32d Division: Division limits—West edge of FORGES—West edge of CUMIERES—East edge of CHATTANCOURT.

(8) All supplies and materiel, etc. in the new sector of the 1st Austrian Division and not belonging according to organization tables to the 117th Division and all permanent units will be transferred to the 1st Austrian Division. Both divisions will submit lists thereof to the Group.

(9) The relief of the information units of the 7th Reserve Division will proceed according to instructions from the Group intelligence officer.

(10) The regiment designated to secure the MEUSE line between DUN and the BOIS DE CHATILLON will be charged with the construction of the position there. Sufficient pioneers should be attached to that regiment.

(11) Detachments left behind by the troops relieved from the front line, and officers at the command stations remain for 24 hours in the positions.

(12) The 117th Division will be sheltered, as army reserve, in the district BREHEVILLE—LOUIPPY—IRE LE SEC.

(13) The 1st Austrian and the 228th Division will report by this evening their intended measures, especially the intended distribution of forces.

(13) complied with by personal telephone report to the chief of staff at 11:30 P.M., October 15th.

Group Headquarters
The chief of Staff
(Sgd) ERFURTH.
Major.

A. B. Volkmann,
Major.

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Sent to: Brig. Combat Station Oct. 15, 12:30 Noon.

(1) Observation officer, sent ahead, reports:

(a) 207th.

From 8:20 A.M. on, hostile fire on front position as far as SOLFERINO FERME; interdiction fire in terrain in rear.

8:45 A.M. our annihilation fire lays good.

9:30 A.M. 1st Bn., 207th reports: "It is getting quieter."

9:50 A.M. 2d Bn., 207th, reports: "Everything quiet, no machine gun nor infantry fire."

10:30 A.M. 2d Bn., 207th and 3d Co., 207th report: "Everything O.K."

Impressions at 207th: Our annihilation fire destroyed position in readiness. Regimental commander holds that no attack was intended, only diversion fire.

(b) 35th Fusilier Regiment.

Fire diminished at 9:20 A.M.

No attack up to 10:20 A.M.

(c) 48th Regiment:

Regimental Headquarters at combat station of 207th Regiment at 11:30 A.M.—5014, 500 meters Southeast of ALGER FERME.

Troops on the march to place in readiness ordered by the division; at 12:00 noon they were near the WINDMILL CROSS.

Additional:

Antenna No. 35 shot down.

New observation officers ride off at 12:45 A.M. towards 35.

(Sgd) V. WESTERNHAGEN.

P.S.—At 12:20 Noon the 40th Regiment is at the ALGER FERME.

(Sgd) BULLRICH.

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Oct. 15.

- (1) Adjutant 48.
- (2) Artillery reports in forenoon no annihilation fire.
Lieut. Kratzig.
- (3) No information from brigade.
- (4) Reports of 35th Fusilier Regiment.
- (5) Special measures for transmission of orders.

Report 48th:

At 12:00 Noon enemy appears to force commander of the supports of the 135th Reserve past 32d Division on 48th Infantry Regiment at 1232 GROSSER STERN AND ETRAYE CHATEAU. The 32d Division [illegible] with its available forces defend * * * *

[Note by trsl. The above sentence undoubtedly should read: "There is no doubt but what the 32d Division will be able to defeat the attack with the forces at its disposal."']

Numbers doubtful.

There is connection with the 35th Regiment.

1200 attack against 35th Fusilier Regiment.

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(1) Telephone connection, and in part also telegraph lines, were interrupted thereby.

(2) An attack, evidently intended to be made against the front of the division, came to deployment only in part. It was started during the late afternoon hours against the left wing of the 35th Regiment and the left wing of the 32d Division. At the 35th Regiment several heavy attacks of the enemy were driven off by machine gun fire causing the enemy bloody losses, and on the left wing of the 32d Division one company had to be inserted to support that wing and that company has now taken over a company sector of the 32d Division, facing South.

The battle was still raging at 4:00 P.M. at the South edge of the ETRAYE RAVINE.

Between 3 and 4 P.M. a hostile patrol made an attack against the Pioneer Company of the 207th Regiment, in which one soldier of the 115th American Infantry (division not known) fell into our hands.

At the present time our artillery is delivering a strong interdiction fire principally on the KOBOLD, FEEN and ELFEN RAVINES and also on the vicinity between hill 311 and GROSS STERN, which will be kept up throughout the night.

Aeroplanes made several reconnaissance flights; no assemblages were observed at 3:50 P.M. in the valleys opposite our front; hostile traffic was normal. It appears that batteries in 1255/9 a b are occupied; bridges at CONSENVOYE have been repaired.

Loss in 1st and 2d Battalions, 207th Regiment: 1 officer wounded; other losses not yet ascertained.

[Undated. Would appear to be the second sheet of a report. Trslr.]

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Oct. 15.

To: 104th Infantry Brigade.

The brigade will send out officers to clear up conditions on the left flank of the division and arrange with the infantry brigade of the 32d Division for relief of the portions of the 32d Division which we have in the sector. The infantry brigade of the 32d Division has received corresponding orders. It is left to your discretion, for the improvement of the position, whether to abandon the projecting corner at z (1057) and to withdraw the defense to the line n—w. An attempt should be made immediately to stretch wire in front of the new position; especially also to prevent units from losing the way.

The 389th Pioneer Company should be assembled again as much as possible and gotten in hand.

228th Division.

Ia No. 257/Okt.

Transmitted about 7:10 P.M. to Aide Lieut. Taglischsbeck by Lieut. Gratzig.

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228th Division

Ia Oct. 15, 1918.

Entered: Oct. 16, 1918 1 x

Diary No. 5720/18 10:30 A.M.

GROUP ORDERS

(1) Strong attacks against the right wing and center of the 32d Division went to pieces. We must count on continuation of the attacks tomorrow.

(2) The battalion of the 33d Landwehr Infantry that had been sent forward to the depression West of ECUREY, has been withdrawn to LISSEY; the battalion that was sent to ETRAYE will take up shelter in the ETRAYE CAMP. The 33d Landwehr Regiment will be ready for the march tomorrow at 6:30 A.M. in its present shelters. Regimental headquarters will maintain connection with the brigade combat station in NEW WAVRILLE.

(2) The divisions will take proper measures so that any hostile attack will find the troops in complete readiness for battle.

(4) The divisions will rapidly construct information lines from the foremost lines to division headquarters and will arrange for special measures in case the wire lines are interrupted (well-equipped message centers, timely sending of officers to the command stations in front, etc.) The 228th Division will establish a message center in the vicinity of the fork in road of the BREHEVILLE—HARAUMONT and BRANDEVILLE—HARAUMONT ROADS.

(5) Headquarters of the 32d Division will take quarters in JAMETZ after the quarters there have been left by brigade headquarters of the 1st Austrian Division. MOUZAY is considered as station for headquarters of the 7th Reserve Division.

(6) We have all reason to here point out that pioneer troops are to be employed only in technical work and that they can be employed as infantry only in cases of absolute emergency.

ARMY GROUP EAST.

Ia No. 4397, op.

Attest for correctness:

NATHIEN,
Lieut. and Aide.

To Divisions by telephone during evening.

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7th Reserve Division	Div. Hq. Oct. 15, 1918—9:00 P.M.
Ia 148/10 op.	Rec. 228th Div. Ia
	Oct. 16—10:15 A.M. x
	Diary No. 5714; 18 op. S-Tank Defense?

DIVISION ORDERS

(1) During the nights of the 16/17th and 17/18th, the 1st Austrian Division and the 228th Division will relieve the portions of the 117th Division and 7th Reserve Division that are in the sector of VILOSNES. Boundary line between 1st Austrian and the 228th Division will be the bend in the MEUSE 1 km North of SIVRY (Number 968)—East edge of HARAUMONT—HARAUMONT ROAD—BRANDEVILLE (the latter to the 1st Austrian Division).

(2) Transfer of command at 12:00 noon the 18th, at which hour the 1st Austrian and the 228th Division will assume command in their new sectors.

(3) At transfer of command the following will join:

To the 1st Austrian Division:—25th Austrian Landsturm.

106th Austrian Shock-Battalion.

69th Heavy Machine Gun Battalion.

505th F. A. 1st and 2d Ldstm M.G.
Cos., Reutlingen.

To the 228th Division:—2d Battalion, 69th Regiment.

1st and 2d Ldstm M. G. Cos. Heilbronn.

The company of the 106th Shock-Battalion inserted North of SIVRY in the new sector of the 228th Division will be relieved *after* transfer of command by the 228th Division, after direct consultation with the 1st Austrian Division.

Special Group orders follow, concerning assignment of the 165th and 46th Foot Artillery Battalions.

(4) The 7th Reserve Division will supervise the relief.

(5) The following will be relieved:

During the night of October 16/17: The company of the 450th Regiment in the sector J, by the 25th Landsturm Company in position Northeast of LINY. The place of that company will be taken by the 1st Shock-Battalion of the 1st Austrian Division.

The 2 companies of the 450th Regiment and the garrison of HARAUMONT (portions of the 11th Grenadier Regiment) in Sector K, by one battalion 61st Regiment (Austrian).

The 11th Grenadier Regiment and 263d Pioneer Company in the sector East of HARAUMONT by the 112th Regiment (Austrian).

During the night of October 17/18: the battalion in division reserve of the 450th Regiment and the 233d Pioneer Company, by one battalion of the 61st Regiment.

The 4th Pioneer Company and the 248th Pioneer Company by two pioneer companies of the 1st Austrian Division.

Relief of the artillery belonging according to organization tables to the 117th Division and to the 7th Reserve Division will be by platoons during the nights of October 16/17th and 17/18th after consultation between the artillery

commanders of the 7th Reserve and 1st Austrian Divisions. Short-range combat guns that are not relieved, will be withdrawn during the night of the 17/18th.

Special orders will be issued regulating the relief of the information and sanitary units.

(6) The following will arrive as division reserve for the 1st Austrian Division by 8:00 A.M. October 10th.

5th Regiment, at the EMS CAMP.

Jäger Regiment Marschau, in the forest camp West of FONTAINES.

(7) All details of relief will be regulated as follows; and between:

233d Brigade with 2d Austrian Brigade and the brigade of the 228th Division.

Artillery Commander, 7th Reserve Division with Artillery Commander of 1st Austrian Division.

Division Intelligence Officer 7th Reserve Division with Intelligence Officer of 1st Austrian Division.

7th Reserve Division Pioneer Commander with Pioneer Commander of 1st Austrian Division.

7th Reserve Division Surgeon with Division Surgeon of 1st Austrian Division.

C. O. 1st Sqn, 8th Cuirassiers with C.O. of the squadron of 1st Austrian Division.

(8) Advanced detachments of the relieving troops will arrive at the troops to be relieved the forenoon of the 16th.

Detachments of the troops relieved in the front line (1 officer, 2 sergeants, 3 men per company) and officers at command stations will remain for 24 hours in the sector after relief.

(9) At 11:00 A.M. October 18th, the commander of the 61st Austrian will assume command of Sector K; the commander of the 112th Regiment will assume command of Sector L at 11:00 A.M., October 17th.

Transfer of command from 233d Brigade to 2d Austrian Brigade and the brigade of the 228th Division will take place at 11:30 A.M., October 18th.

(10) All permanent supplies now in the sector will be left behind on relief. The 233d Brigade will submit a list thereof by 10:00 A.M., October 18th.

(11) After completion of relief, the 52d Foot Artillery will take shelter in BAALON—special orders will be issued for all other units later.

(Sgd) RIBBENTROP.

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Headquarters, 1st Austrian Division.

Ia x S

Op. No. 2977.

To: MEUSE GROUP EAST.

Field Mail, Service 521, October 15, 1918.

1. Orders for relief issued at noon today are rescinded because of changes directed by MEUSE Group East in Ia 4853, op.

2. The 1st Division—less 112th Regiment—will relieve during the nights of the 16/17th and 17/18th the portions of the 117th Division inserted in Sectors VILOSNES "J" and "K." Headquarters, 7th Reserve Division will regulate the relief.

At noon October 18th Headquarters, 1st Division will relieve Headquarters, 7th Reserve Division from command of Sector VILOSNES, but not Sector "L," which will be taken over by the 228th Division the forenoon of the 18th.

i.e. before the 1st Division assumes command.

With sector "L" the 2d Battalion, 69th Regiment, the two machine gun companies Heilbrunn and in the start one company of the 106th Shock-Battalion will come under command of the 228th Division.

The Eastern boundary line of the future sector VILOSNES between the 1st and the 228th Divisions will run from the bend of the MEUSE 1 km North of SIVRY (Point 968 on map) via the East edge of HARAUMONT, road HARAUMONT—to BRANDEVILLE (for 1st Division).

Headquarters of the 1st Division: CHARMOIS.

(3) The company of the 106th Shock-Battalion, for the present left in Sector "L," will later on be sent by the 228th to the 1st Division and join its battalion. Time to be ordered later.

(4) The 2d Brigade will assume command of the Sectors I and K at 11:30 A.M. October 18th, relieving the 253d Brigade. Headquarters: Southeast of MURVAUX.

(5) Relief will proceed as follows:

- (a) Headquarters of the 225th Landsturm retains command in Sector "I." It will relieve the company of the 450th Regiment now in the sub-sector of the 3d Battalion, 25th Landsturm during the night of October 17th by the Landsturm Company now Northeast of LINY DEV. DUN.
- (b) The 1st Shock-Battalion will, during the night of October 16/17th, as reserve of MEUSE Group East, take the place of the 225th Landsturm Company Northeast of LINY DEV. DUN and will send on the 16th an advanced detachment there. The commander of the shock-battalion will report on the 16th to Headquarters 25th Landsturm Regiment, for orientation, etc.
- (c) At 11:00 A.M. October 18th, Headquarters, 61st Regiment will assume command in Sector "K." On the 16th and 17th Colonel Von Hajek will orient himself in the new sector. Early the 16th he will send advance detachments to that sector and during the night of the 16/17th will relieve with one of his battalions the two companies of the 450th Regiment Northeast of VILOSNES in the KRIEMHILD Position (Map Square 852, North edge) and the one company of the 11th Regiment in HARAUMONT.

The heretofore division reserve (1 battalion, 450th Regiment) and the 233d Pioneer Company (in Map Squares 651 and 652, South edge) will be relieved by the 2d Battalion, 61st Regiment during the night of the 17/18th. This battalion will at the same time be the sector reserve at the disposition of the regimental commander of the 61st Infantry.

- (d) The 5th Regiment will arrive by 8:00 A.M., October 18th in the CAMP EMS East of DUN (Map Square 452, South edge) as brigade reserve and will send advanced detachments and a quartermaster to that camp on the 16th.
- (e) At 8:00 A.M., October 18th, the Jäger Regiment under command of Lieut.-Colonel V. Uzorinac will, as division reserve, arrive in the forest camp West of FONTAINES (Map square 443). Early the 16th it will send reconnoitering parties there. To shelter the units that cannot be brought under roofs, five tents to hold 250 men will be supplied to the Jäger Regiment. A pioneer company

will also accompany the Jäger regiment to that camp. The tents are now immediately East of the road fork $2\frac{1}{2}$ km South of CHARMOIS. They will be taken over by the 1st Pioneer Battalion on the 16th and will be erected by the Pioneer Company attached to the division reserve prior to the arrival of the Jäger Regiment and pursuant to directions of Lieut.-Colonel Uzorinac.

It will be the task of the Jäger Regiment, in case the enemy makes progress against MEUSE Group West, to occupy the line: FONT DEV. DUN—DUN SUR MEUSE and thus form a hook for the purpose of protecting the MEUSE stretch. Immediately after arrival, the Jäger Regiment must reconnoiter the MEUSE line and supporting points that it may have to occupy, and start construction for their reinforcements at once with the pioneer company.

From noon October 18th on, the Jäger Regiment will send out security patrols for permanent observation of the MEUSE line and to keep up connection with the 25th Landsturm Regiment.

(6) All supplies and material now in Sectors "I" and "K" and not belonging according to organization tables to the 117th Division and the permanent units will be under orders of the 1st Division from noon the 18th. Only the two machine gun companies of Landsturm Battalion Heilbronn will be under command of the 228th Division, as already mentioned.

(7) The relief of the information units of the 7th Reserve Division will be arranged by the commander of the Group information units.

(8) Concerning artillery, special orders will be issued by Headquarters, 1st Field Artillery Brigade, which brigade will take command, simultaneously with the 1st Division at noon on the 18th, of the artillery of the Sector VILOSNES.

(9) The relieved units will leave detachments in the front line and officers at the command stations for 24 hours after relief.

(10) The relief of the 4th Company of the 4th Pioneer Battalion and of the 248th Pioneers in Sectors "I" and "K" will be regulated by the Commander of the 1st Pioneer Battalion after consultation with the pioneer commander of the 7th Reserve Division. This relief will take place during the night of October 17/18th.

(11) The divisional cavalry will, the forenoon of the 16th, detach 4 mounted messengers to each of the 2d and 1st Brigade, 5th Regiment, 61st Regiment and Jäger Regiment.

(12) One battalion of the 48th Regiment will be group reserve North of HARAUMONT.

(13) The Division Look-out No. 1 (Map Square 151, 11a) will be taken over by the observer of the division at 11:00 A.M. October 18th. This observer will, however, for the purpose of better orientation, proceed there as early as the 16th. Division look-out No. 2 (Map Square 755, 12d) will be taken over in similar manner by the 1st Field Artillery Brigade at 11:00 A.M. the 18th.

(14) Early October 16th the 112th Regiment will send advance detachment of both battalions to the 11th Grenadier Regiment in the HARAUMONT forest camp (Map Square 655, North edge). The commander of the 112th Regiment will at the same time proceed to the regimental commander of the 11th Grenadier Regiment (Map Square 655, 3d).

During the night of the 16/17th the regiment will with one battalion re-

lieve the company of the 11th Grenadiers in the KRIEMHILD Position and the 263d Pioneer Company, and with its second battalion the portions of the 2d Company of the 11th Grenadier Regiment in the HARAUMONT forest camp.

(15) Copies furnished to 2d Brigade, 5th Regiment, 61st, 112th Regiments, 17th Jäger Battalion, 25th, 31st, Regiments, 1st Pioneer Battalion, 2d Battery, 10th Heavy Howitzer Battalion, 1st Field Artillery Brigade, 25th Regiment, 106th Shock-Battalion, 1st Shock-Battalion, 228th Division, 7th Reserve Division. Copy will be submitted to MEUSE Group East.

METZGER, M. P.

Lieut. Field Marshal.

Attest for correctness.

(Sgd) V. FIRBES,
Major.

When should Heilbronn Landsturm Machine Guns be inserted?

228th Division

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Hq., 9.15.18

To MEUSE Group East

[as written; probably Oct. 15.]

The 207th Reserve Infantry Regiment sent in:

Oct. 11—2 prisoners of the American 129th Infantry (33d Division) taken at the NACHET WOODS.

Oct. 13—Several light and heavy machine guns, one 7.7 cannon taken at the PANTALEON CHAPEL.

Oct. 15—1 prisoner of the American 115th Infantry (29th Division) taken at the PANTALEON CHAPEL.

228th Division.

Ia 258

Telephoned to

Captain Wüsterfels.

transmitted 10:35 P.M.

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228th Division

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Ia No. 259/Oct.—Op/

Hq. Oct. 15, 1918 11:25 P.M.

DIVISION ORDERS

(1) The enemy attacked today the left wing of the 228th Division and also the right wing and center of the 32d Division; the attacks went to pieces. We must count on the continuation of the attacks on the 16th.

(2) "Increased battle readiness" from 5:30 A.M. on. The 48th Regiment will be in march readiness in BRANDEVILLE from 6:00 A.M. on.

(3) The 3d Battalion, 207th and the 2d Battery 39th F.A., are placed at the disposition of the division. 2 companies of the 3d Battalion, 207th Regiment will be attached to the 104th Brigade; Hq. and 2 companies will form the division reserve and remain where they now are; they will take position so that they can be employed in the direction of the HOHE EICHEN HILL as also in direction of ETRAYE HILL (Pl. Qu. 1159). Routes of advance thereto to be reconnoitered; the West road cannot be used because of being under fire. Connection with brigade and 35th Regiment to be maintained. 2d Battery, 39th F.A. is at the disposal of the artillery commander.

(4) It is left to the discretion of the 104th Brigade, for bettering the position, whether to take back the projecting corner toward z (Pl. Qu. 1057)

and to withdraw the defense to the line n (on the West Road)—w (Pl. Qu. 1058). A field of fire to be cleared in the woods as much as possible and to stretch wire, the latter for the purpose also of preventing men from getting lost.

(5) The portions of the 389th Pioneer Company inserted in the front lines in the sector of the 35th Regiment will be withdrawn early in the morning of the 16th; the portions of the 3d Battalion, 207th Regiment, placed at the disposal of the brigade should be inserted for their relief only as late as possible.

(6) The 389th Pioneer Company, becomes the division reserve on the 16th and will assume position in readiness in the Map Quadrangle 0859 at about the point g marked in blue; officers to receive orders to be sent to 104th Brigade and Fus. Regt. No. 35.

(7) Throughout the night of the 15/16th and on the 16th the artillery will deliver interdiction fire on the terrain directly in front of the left wing of the 228th Division and the right wing of the 32d Division. Between 5:00 and 6:00 A.M., in addition, two annihilation fire waves (as much gas as possible) to be delivered on the KRONPRINZ and EICHEN VALLEYS.

(8) Transmission of information went to pieces at times today. As soon as the battle activity increases, i. e., when wire connections give out, officers must *immediately* be sent to lower headquarters; these officers must do their very best to take up connections with higher headquarters; even a report that nothing is happening is of importance and should be rendered from time to time. No use was made today of carrier pigeons—beyond trial flights; they should be far in front, with company commanders and the commander of the fighting troops. In the case of radio, we must not assume that they are heard by all stations; we should assume only that they are heard by the station to which addressed. A very important radio message addressed today to brigade headquarters was not heard at division headquarters, as that station was sending at the time.

(9) The Pioneer Companies will be employed as infantry only in cases of urgent necessity.

(Sgd) V. D. HEYDE.

Attest for correctness:

(Sgd) LAENGE.

Captain, General Staff.

Distribution:

Division	4 copies
Brigade	7
Artillery Commander	6
Pioneer Commander	2
Div. Intell. Offi.....	2

Telephoned in advance, and dictated to officers detailed to receive orders, respectively.

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LOSSES

Oct. 15, 1918.

35th Regiment: 1 officer wounded, 5 U men killed, Landsturm Ingolstadt, 60 men wounded and missing.

207th Regiment: 1 officer wounded, 8 men killed, 27 men wounded, 40 men dispersed.

48th Regiment: 1 acting officer wounded, 104th Brigade.

Artillery: 10 men slightly wounded, 4 men seriously wounded, 19 horses wounded, 3 horses killed.

Artillery Commander 228th.

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Oct. 16, 1918

MORNING REPORT

To: MEUSE Group East.

After completion of the hostile attacks, only medium hostile artillery fire on our routes of approach and villages.

During the entire night we delivered interdiction fire on the terrain in front of our left wing, fired on communications in the rear, and fired gas shells against 3 hostile batteries.

1st Lieut. Oehlmann, commanding the 3d Battalion, 35th Regiment, and Reserve Lieut. Noack, commanding the 10th Company, 35th Regiment, distinguished themselves especially during yesterday's battles.

No aerial activity because of rain.

228th Division.

Transmitted to Group at 5:00 A.M.

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228th Division
Div. Message Center

Hq. Oct. 16, 1918

EVENTS OF THE DAY

From 6:00 A.M. Oct. 15th to 6:00 A.M. Oct. 16th.

Very many and heavy hostile attacks were made throughout the day against the right portion of our sector, all of which were defeated in front of our lines with the efficient support of the artillery and in all of which we were victorious.

Battle Activity: A hostile attack started in the late forenoon hours against the left wing of the 35th Regiment and the right wing of the left neighboring division. Heavy assaults in front of the 35th Regiment were repeatedly driven off by machine gun fire, causing the enemy bloody losses. While during the battles around the GROSSER STERN the 11th and 12th Companies of the 35th Regiment held their positions, the wing company of the neighboring division was pushed back. The reserve company (10th Company) of the 35th Fusilier Regiment charged the enemy by a counterattack, stopped the retrograde movement of the neighboring company and by evening held the neighboring sector heretofore held by the 103d Regiment of the neighboring division. The single battle phases lasted into the late afternoon hours. Between 3 and 4 o'clock the enemy made a counterattack in the vicinity of the PANTALEON CHAPEL in which a wounded American of the American 115th Infantry remained in our hands. He belonged to the American 29th Division, which joins the American 33d Division on the East; he was on his way back from the West bank of the MEUSE and became engaged in the fighting. The infantry fighting decreased in the evening; the old positions were in our possession and the evident objective of the hostile attacks, to achieve penetration via the GROSSER STERN

along the ETRAYE RAVINE towards ETRAYE, had been completely defeated.

Hostile Artillery: At 8:30 A.M. the hostile artillery started a heavy destruction fire against our front lines, which was accompanied by heavy interdiction fire against the battery terrain, routes of approach, and communications to the rear. This fire disrupted our telephone connections and in part also our radio. This fire continued throughout the day at varying strength, and was mainly directed against the front part of the HOHE—EICHEN HILL as far as the ETRAYE KNOLL. Towards evening the hostile artillery fire gradually changed into a more tranquil interdiction fire. During the night it was principally directed against our routes of approach and on the ravines.

Our Artillery, supported by the trench mortars, replied with heavy annihilation fire on the supposed places in readiness of the enemy. A heavy interdiction fire was delivered against the terrain in front of our left wing, on the KOBOLD, FEEN, and ELFEN RAVINES and on the terrain between HILL 371 and the GROSSER STERN, and this interdiction fire was kept up throughout the night. For the rest, the artillery threw interruption fire mixed with gas on the hostile communications to the rear, especially also on the CONSENVOYE RAVINE, the MEUSE bridge West of BRABANT, the cross-roads in CONSENVOYE, SCHAUMBURG depression, and the batteries in action in Map Squares 1255/25bd, 1256/11ac and 16ac. During the forenoon two annihilation fire waves were delivered against the KRONPRINZE and the EICHEN VALLEYS.

Aerial Activity: During several reconnaissance flights our planes ascertained that at 3:50 P.M. no hostile troops were assembled in the valleys in our front; traffic was medium; the battery in Map Square 155/9ab appeared to be occupied; the bridges at CONSENVOYE had been repaired by the enemy.

Neighboring Divisions: On the right wing of the 32d Division, (in 5722/18 U.R.), which had to defeat attacks simultaneously, the enemy succeeded in pushing back the 9th and 10th Companies of the 103d Regiment; for the rest, the position was held.

104th Brigade
Please report.

Oct. 16.

Oct. 17.

A. B.

V. BROCKENDORFF,

Lieut.

104th Brigade

R 35th Fus. Regt.

Oct. 17, 1918

18.10, sent Oct. 19, 1918

A. B.

(Sgd) MOHN.

4—7 207th Reserve Regiment

A. B.

sent 19.10.18

(Sgd) BULLRICH

Please report.

Capt. and Adjt.

Appendix 2. (Sgd) HENNINGS.

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Station REMOIVILLE

Telephone Detachment 228th

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Received Oct. 16, 1918 at 8:10 A.M. by telephone from 32d Division.

Telephone No. 97.96.

Sender: 32d Division—Received Oct. 16, 1918.

To: 228th Division.

After a strong artillery fire starting after 10:00 A.M. the enemy advanced against the interior wings of the 228th Division and 32d Division. During the course of the battle, according to report of the 104th Brigade, the left wing of that brigade was taken back to line 1058 h opposite HILL 370. Counterattacks are now being made for the recapture of the line of main resistance. The 2d Battalion, 177th Regiment has been started to the vicinity of p. 1058 for support of the right flank. Our artillery delivered annihilation waves and at the present time is throwing a heavy fire on HILL 371 and the MOLLEVILLE RAVINE.

Losses: 102d: 1 man killed, 3 wounded, 3 gassed.

Losses: 103d: Officers killed: Lt. Döring, Lt. Weiland; officers wounded: Lieut. Schmutzler, Lt. Schirmer, 1st Lt. V. Althaus; 39 men killed, 86 men wounded, 49 missing.

No reports yet from 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th Companies nor from 9th and 10th Companies.

Losses: 177th: officers: killed not yet ascertained; wounded: 27. Arty: Lieut. Wiesenhütter 3/64th wounded, Surgeon Meyer wounded; one officer of the 4th Battery, 68th Landwehr wounded; 3 men killed, 16 wounded.

Trench Strength: 102d: 25 officers, 706 N.C.O. and men (without Regtl. Hq. and Trench Mortar Company).

Trench Strength: 103d: 20 officers, 88 N.C.O., 488 men (without Regtl. Hq. and Trench Mortar Company).

Trench Strength: 177th: 1st Bn.?

2d Bn.—5 officers, 6 N.C.O., 110 men.

Machine Gun Company: 1 officer, 6 N.C.O., 42 men.

10 light machine guns.

6 heavy machine guns.

3d Battalion, 177th: 3 officers, 10 N.C.O., 77 men.

Machine Gun Company: 1 officer, 3 N.C.O., 9 men.

32d Saxon Division.

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TRENCH STRENGTH

1st Bn, 35th—7	officers,	23	NCO,	158	men
1st Bn, 35th—0	''	2	''	19	'' (information section)
2d Bn, 35th—9	''	29	''	123	''
N.Z.					
3d Bn, 35th—6	''	16	''	93	''
		1	''	14	''
1st M. G. — 2	''	12	''	58	''
2d M. G. — 1	''	7	''	23	''
3d M. G. — 3	''	9	''	36	''
Trench					
Mortar Co.—2	''	4	''	57	''
Shock-Squad—		2	''	20	''

29TH DIVISION

Field Strength

35th Regiment	90	officers,	2065	men
Battalion.....	24	''	512	''
Machine Gun Company.....	3	''	105	''
Trench Mortar Company.....	5	''	150	''
Regtl. Headquarters.....	7	''	63	''

October 16, 1918—11:45 A.M.

by Capt. Bullrich,

Asst.

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Plane Liaison Officer

Oct. 16, 1918

NOON REPORT

To MEUSE Group East.

Hostile aerial activity minor; bad visibility.

Our batteries fired 2 annihilation waves during the early morning hours against the KRONPRINZ VALLEY and EICHEN VALLEY and threw interdiction fire with high-explosive shells and gas surprises.

No infantry nor aerial activity on either side.

228th Division.

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EVENING REPORT

To: MEUSE Group East.

Oct. 16, 1918

The hostile artillery fire starting at 9:15 A.M. with all calibres against the sector of the 35th Regiment and the battery terrain, began during the noon hours an attack against the entire left wing battalion of the regiment. The battalion drove off three attacks. A broader attack, directed against Division Grénze, forced the battalion to bend back its line to the line 200 m North of the blue point "n" at the West Road—HILL 370—blue point "h." A counterattack is now being executed to retake the original line.

Our artillery threw strong interdiction fire on depressions and routes of approach in front of our endangered wing.

Little aerial activity on either side.

Losses, on 15th: 2 officers wounded, 13 men killed, 71 men wounded, 4 men missing, 7 men gassed, 3 horses killed, 19 horses wounded.

Losses, on 16th: (no report from the 35th Fusilier Regiment.): 5 men killed, 7 men wounded, 2 horses killed, 4 horses wounded.

EFFECTIVE TRENCH STRENGTH:

Lt. Machine Gun complement:

	NCO	Men
1st Bn, 48th.....	9	36
2d Bn, 48th.....	9	36
3d Bn, 48th.....	9	25
1st Bn, 207th.....	10	54
2d Bn, 207th.....	9	55
3d Bn, 207th.....	6	42

	NCO	Men
Heavy Machine Gun complement:		
1st Bn, 48th.....	5	25
2d Bn, 48th.....	9	28
3d Bn, 48th.....	6	27
1st Bn, 207th.....	10	58
2d Bn, 207th.....	6	56
3d Bn, 207th.....	9	44
Gun carriers:		
1st Bn, 48th.....	25	127
2d Bn, 48th.....	23	107
3d Bn, 48th.....	23	76
1st Bn, 207th.....	25	131
2d Bn, 207th.....	19	118
3d Bn, 207th.....	19	72
Information Platoon:		
1st Bn, 48th.....	1	17
2d Bn, 48th.....	1	4
3d Bn, 48th.....	2	15
Regtl. Information Platoon:		
	2	17
1st Bn, 207th.....	3	20
2d Bn, 207th.....	1	19
3d Bn, 207th.....	2	14
Regtl. Information Platoon		
Trench Mortar Company, 48th Infantry		
207th Reserve Regiment.		
	2	16
	6	83
	9	60

No reports from 35th Fusilier Regiment.

228th Division.

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Rec. 228th Division,
11:30 A.M. 17 Oct., 1918.
Diary No. 5750/18 Ia

Oct. 16, 1918

GROUP ORDERS

(1) Attacks accompanied by tanks against the 1st Division went completely to pieces. The interior wings of the 228th and 32d Divisions were pushed back to some extent. Counterattacks are still in progress now.

(2) The hostile attacks appear to succeed in most cases on the inner wings of the divisions. The divisions must make arrangements that these wings are specially supported by reserves, and that there is at all times good cross-connection. *Every* unit is responsible for providing boundary line detachments on the right wing, which, however, does not relieve the neighbor on the right from the care of his left wing. The divisions must publish again this general rule to all subordinate headquarters.

(3) Any pioneer companies that are still in the front line will be with drawn during the night of the 16/17th and replaced by infantry.

(4) By 6:30 A.M. the 33d Landwehr Regiment will be ready for march with one battalion in REVILLE, one battalion in ETRAYE, one battalion in the MARIMONT CAMP. The 48th Regiment, less one battalion, will be sheltered at the disposition of the Group in FURST WALDECK CAMP and will be in march-readiness there at 6:30 A.M.

(5) Preparations will be made for the relief during the night of 18/19th of the 2d Battalion, 69th Regiment by a battalion of the 48th Regiment.

(6) At 12:00 Noon, October 17th, Headquarters of the 1st Reserve Corps will assume command of the sectors of the 1st Landwehr Division and 15th Division, as well as of tactical units in that sector. Special orders will be issued later regulating the service conditions.

Army Group East,
Ia No. 4423 op.

Attest for correctness:
(Sgd) MATHIEU,
Lieut. and Aide.

Telephoned in advance to the division, evening of the 16th.
228th Div. recd. N.

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228th Division.
Ia No. 5724/18.

Hq. Oct. 16, 1918.

The pioneer commander will erect in the stone quarry a shelter for 1 officer, a shelter for 3 men (complement of a ground telegraph station) and a shelter for 6 men. Similarly the pioneer commander will have a large sign made and transported to the message center with the inscription "Message Center of Division BRABANT." Necessary teams to be procured from the ammunition section.

Start of work to be made on Oct. 17, 1918.

J. A.
(Sgd) LAENGE,
Capt., General Staff.

Distribution:
Div. Ia, Amm. 2 copies
Pioneer Comdr 1 copy
Div. Int. Off 1 copy.

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Message to
104th Brigade
Artillery Commander 228th.

Oct. 16, 1918

A message center has been established in the stone quarry at "h" marked in blue, 500 m Southwest of BREHEVILLE.

228th Division.
Ia No. 5724/18.

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DIVISION BRABANT
Ia/Div. Intell. Office
No. 5168/18

228th Division
Rec. Oct. 17, 1918.
Diary No.

Oct. 16, 1918—Ia/Ic

DIVISION ORDERS

(1) Herewith are the signals issued by the Group (Light signals and signals for radio, ground telegraph, and visual signal apparatus) for demand for annihilation fire and "Shift fire forward" (MEUSE Group East, Hq. 5th

Reserve Corps) Ia/ Group Information Hq/Arty No. 4359 op./3365 of October 14, 1918.

(2) Accordingly, Division Orders Ia No. 250/Oct. op. of October 13, 1918, paragraph six is changed as follows:

According to Group orders, until further orders the signal "red" indicates annihilation fire; "green" means "shift fire forward"; "white," means "we are (I am) here."

For radio, ground telegraph, visual signal apparatus:

- "Annihilation fire, entire front"..... vft (without addition)
- "Annihilation fire, KRONPRINZ VALLEY"..... vft 1
- "Annihilation fire, EICHEN VALLEY"..... vft 2
- "Annihilation fire, HILL 371"..... vft 3
- "Shift fire forward, entire front"..... sht (without addition)
- "Shift fire forward, KRONPRINZ VALLEY"..... sht 1
- "Shift fire forward, EICHEN VALLEY"..... sht 2
- "Shift fire forward, HILL 371"..... sht 3

These signs and signals go into effect at 6:00 P.M. October 17th.

J. A.
(Sgd) LAENGE.

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K.T.

228th Division
Sec. IIa, IIb No. 4570
Secret.

Hq. October 16, 1918.
18.10 Asst. Ia
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SUBJECT: *Change of Infantry Battalions to 3 companies.*

As the average effective strengths of the battalions of the infantry regiments inclusive of the promised Ersatz now with the field trains has decreased to below 650 men (35th Fusilier Regiment—623; 48th Regiment—433; 207th Regiment—616), the battalions will be divided into three companies, each company with 8 light machine guns 08/15 and each battalion one machine gun company of 12 guns Model 08. (Chief of Staff of the Field Army of Oct. 15, 18; No. 9454).

The officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the companies to be absorbed, inclusive of service personnel, will be distributed to the other three companies of the battalion. G. V.—men who are the last sons respectively—to be exchanged for K.V. men.

The number of officers and non-commissioned officers will not be diminished by [this] skeletonizing. Excess officers and non-commissioned officers remain

as reserve, at the disposition of the regimental commander. Report of employment to be submitted by the 26th.

Supernumerary first sergeants join with one clerk battalion headquarters; close up their muster roll, finish all unfinished clerical work, and will be employed for special work (supply, bearer service, detached service, etc) at the disposition of the battalions.

Proper arrangements to be made for rapid forwarding of mail. The men transferred to other companies to be instructed to send their new address home. Reason therefore must not be divulged.

Supernumerary horses may be used up to 92%. Excess above that will be reported by the 28th.

Vehicles and supplies will be turned in; list submitted by the 26th.

In accordance with GHQ 9554 op. IIm, the battalions will remain organized in three companies even if their effective strength should later go above 650.

Special attention called to necessity of closing up delinquency books and muster rolls. All disciplinary punishments must have been served before the men are transferred to the new companies, with proper remarks in transfer slips.

The change in organization will be made October 23, 1918.

By October 26, 1918 the strength of the single companies, after regrouping, will be reported.

(Sgd) V. D. HEYDE,
Major General and Division Commander.

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228th Division Hq. Oct. 16, 1918 Ia
 Ia 5712/18 op. II. Ang. x
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DIVISION ORDERS

(Addition to Division Orders Ia No. 5712 op. of Oct. 16, 1918)

(1) The following will assume command of the new sector: The 104th Brigade that of the 233d Brigade, at 11:30 A.M., October 18th; the 228th Division that of the 7th Reserve Division at 12:00 Noon, October 18th.

(2) The necessary reliefs will be made during the night of the 16/17th; the one company of the Austrian 106th Shock-Battalion now inserted North of SIVRY will be withdrawn from there only after the sector has been taken over, and will then be replaced by portions of the 112th Regiment.

The 233d Brigade has orders from the 7th Reserve Division to arrange all details of taking over the sector with the 104th Brigade.

The 104th Brigade will submit as soon as practicable a statement showing distribution of forces in the sector.

(3) The artillery commander of the 228th Division will submit recommendations as soon as possible in the matter of annihilation fire in front of the new sector. The artillery tank defense measures will be taken over.

(Sgd) V. D. HEYDE.

N.S.

Distribution:

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Pioneer commander	3	7th Reserve Division	1
Sanitary company	1		

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K. T.

228th Division

Hq. Oct. 16, 1918—11:40 P.M.

Ia No. 261/Oct. op.

DIVISION ORDERS

(1) Attacks accompanied by tanks against the 1st Landwehr Division (at the HAUMONT WOODS) went completely to pieces.

The inner wings of the 228th and 32d Division were pushed back to some extent.

According to reports our front line on the left wing runs from about the "n" marked in blue on Map Square 1057 in direction of "h" (Map Square 1058) and from there to "p"—"w" and thence as heretofore.

(2) The 35th Fusilier Regiment must, *under any and all conditions*, retake the old line by a counterattack on the 17th. This attack will be personally conducted by the regimental commander. Besides the 3d Battalion, 207th Regiment, the 2d Battalion, 177th Regiment is assigned him for that purpose. Starting at 6:50 A.M., the artillery will deliver annihilation fire on the FEEN RAVINE, the KOBOLD bottom, and on the GROSSER STERN. At exactly 7:00 A.M., if possible after a flanking trench mortar bombardment, the attack will be started; it is believed best to conduct the main shock along the West Road from the North.

After recapture of the position, reserves to be behind the left wing.

The pioneer companies will without fail be withdrawn from the front line and the 395th Pioneer Company will be started on the march to its former location, and the 389th Pioneer Company to Map Square 0859 g as division reserve. These companies must reach their places not later than 10:00 A.M. The 395th Pioneer Company must not be inserted in any case. Machine guns with infantry will secure the road leading from point "p" in Map Square 0859 to point "p" in Map Square 1058.

(3) Recently hostile penetrations have succeeded several times at the division sector limits. Every unit is responsible for the security of its right boundary line, which, however, does not relieve the neighbor on the right from care for his left wing. Cross-connections!!

(4) The 48th Regiment less one battalion remains in the FURST WALDECK CAMP at the disposal of the Group and will be in march readiness from 6:30 A.M. on. Officers to receive orders will report to 104th Brigade and 207th Reserve Regiment. One battalion of the 48th Regiment holds itself in readiness from 6:00 A.M. on close to the West Road at the disposition of the division. Officers to receive orders to 207th Regiment and 35th Fusilier Regiment. Roads to be reconnoitered for counterattack against HOHEN EICHEN HILL and in the direction of left wing of the Division.

(5) A message center has been established at point "h" marked in blue on Map Square 0457 under Lt. V. Opitz (1st Sqn., 1st Ulans).

(Sgd) V. D. HEYDE.

Attest for correctness:

(Sgd) LAENGE,

Captain, General Staff.

Distribution:

Division, 4 copies; Brigade, 7; 1st Sqn, 1st Ulans, 1; Artillery Commander, 7; Pioneer Commander, 1; Div. Intell. Off., 1; Aerial Squadron 219, 1.

Telephoned in advance and dictated to the officers detailed to receive orders.

NOTE:—The counterattack directed must succeed principally in order that we impose our will on the enemy, lay down the law to him, and retain our moral superiority.

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K.T.

228th Division

Artillery Commander 228th.

Ent. 16. Oct., 18

Oct. 16, 1918

Section I

Diary No.

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FIRE ORDERS for 1:00 P.M. October 16th to 1:00 A.M. October 17th.

A. SHORT RANGE COMBAT GROUP

Group will make preparations for gassing the EICHEN FOREST, Map Square 1156, 13cd, 19ab and 20cd and will execute that fire still today if ever weather conditions permit.

Ammunition to be expended: 1200 rounds field gun; or correspondingly less if larger caliber used. Duration: 2 hours. After completion of that fire, the gas fire will be directed on the batteries in Map Square 1265 and 1256.

Gas Surprises:

(1) during the day against:

(a) SCHAUMBERG depression.

(b) Battery 1255, 25bd.

(c) BARANO FOREST.

(2) during the night against:

(a) MEUSE crossings at CONSENVOYE.

(b) MEUSE crossings at BRABANT.

(c) KRONPRINZ VALLEY at Map Square 1155, 25a.

(d) South slope of HILL 371,—1157, 21 and 22.

Ammunition to be expended: 700 rounds field gun, or correspondingly less if larger calibers are used.

B. GROUP NIEMANN

Gas Surprises:

(1) during the day against:

(a) Battery 1255, q b 10a.

(b) EICHEN FOREST, Map Square 1156, 25 center.

(c) BARANO FOREST.

(2) during the night against:

(a) CONSENVOYE—SIVRY ROAD.

(b) SCHAUMBERG depression.

(c) BARANO FOREST, Map Square 1257, 21a.

(d) BARANO RAVINE, North part.

Ammunition to be expended: 700 rounds field gun, or less amount if larger calibers are used.

(Sgd) SUSSIUS.

Attest for correctness:

(Sgd) GRAF,
Capt. and Adjt.

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Id/Ic
Oct. 17, 1918.

MORNING REPORT

TO MEUSE GROUP EAST.

The counterattack, started by the 35th Fusilier Regiment for the recapture of the line of main resistance, was unsuccessful. The infantry fighting decreased as darkness set in.

There being bad visibility, the hostile interdiction fire was but medium against infantry positions and terrain in rear. Towards 2:30 A.M. a heavy fire surprise was thrown on the positions of the 207th Regiment. At 4:10 A.M. the 35th Fusilier Regiment reported a heavy fire against the HOHE EICHEN HILL.

Our batteries delivered annihilation fire waves opposite our left wing and threw interdiction fire on places of readiness and hostile routes of approach, using high explosive shells and gas shells.

228th Division.

P.S. At the present hour medium interdiction fire on the positions in front and terrain in rear.

5:10 A.M.

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Division BRABANT
Div. Information Office

B II
Div. Hq. Oct. 17, 1918.

EVENTS OF THE DAY

From 6:00 A.M. Oct. 16th to 6:00 A.M. Oct. 17th.

BATTLE ACTIVITY

Throughout the entire day the Americans executed heavy attacks against the left wing battalion of the 35th Fusilier Regiment. Three attacks made by the enemy from the KOBOLD and from the ELFEN RAVINES were driven off. The next attack, made against the division boundary line, drove back the connecting wing company of the neighboring division, so that also the 11th and 12th Companies of the 35th Regiment saw themselves forced to bend back the left wing of the 3d Battalion of the 35th Regiment. In the evening the line ran 200 m North of "n" (at the West Road)—HILL 370—point "he" marked in blue. The counterattack, started that evening to regain the line, had no success because of darkness setting-in, and was abandoned till the next morning; the 2d Battalion, 177th and the 3d Battalion, 207th Regiment were placed at the disposal of the regiment for this attack.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Throughout the day the hostile artillery supported the enemy's attacks by destruction fire against the sector of the 35th Regiment and battery terrain. This fire, lasting the entire day at unabated strength, was accompanied by medium interdiction fire against our communications to the rear. Only in the evening did the hostile artillery activity gradually lessen and during the night was confined to interdiction fire against routes of approach and villages, especially against ECUREY and BREHEVILLE. Towards 2:30 A.M. the enemy threw a heavy fire-surprise against the positions of the 207th Reserve Regiment; at 4:00 A.M. he threw a strong fire against the EICHEN HILL.

OUR ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

During the attacks our artillery delivered strong interdiction fire against the depressions and routes of approach in front of our threatened left wing. After completion of the attacks our artillery kept up interdiction fire against routes of approach, ravines in the hostile terrain in rear and especially against the MEUSE bridge at CONSENVOYE, on the SCHAUMBURG depression, East edge of the EICHEN FOREST and executed surprise-fire (gas) against the EICHEN VALLEY, the BARANO FOREST and the BARANO RAVINE, as well as on the Southern slope of HILL 371. During the early morning hours our batteries delivered annihilation waves in front of our left division sector against supposed locations of hostile positions in readiness.

AERIAL ACTIVITIES

Because of the bad weather and low-hanging clouds, our planes could execute no reconnaissance flights. No hostile planes were seen either.

NEIGHBORING DIVISIONS

The right-wing battalion of the neighboring division on the left became engaged in the fighting with our 3d Battalion, 35th Regiment. After several charges, the enemy succeeded in pushing forward to the Southwest portion of the ETRAYE KNOLL. There were no special events at the neighboring division on the right, except strong artillery activity on both sides.

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U.R.

To the 104th Brigade with request for report.

A.B.

(Sgd) V. BROCKDORFF,
Lieut.

104th Brigade—Oct. 18, 1918

R To 35th Fusilier Regiment.

Rec. Oct. 18, transmitted Oct. 19, 1918.

J.A.

(Sgd) MOHN.

207th Reserve Regiment.

4006—Rec., sent Oct. 19, 1918.

A. B.

for report
(Sgd) HENNINGS.

(Sgd) BULLRICH,
Captain and Adjutant.

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Sender:

Capt. Bullrich

Date

Oct. 17.

Hour

7:40 A.M.

Ic

TO

At 7:30 the 35th Regiment reports:

2d Battalion, 177th Regiment has gained 300 m and is still advancing.

104th Brigade.

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Oct. 17.

REPORT OF CASUALTIES

TO

Pioneer Company 389.

13 men wounded.

3 of them with troops.

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TO

1st Austrian Division; 228th Division.

As the 48th Infantry, being otherwise employed, cannot be counted on for relieving the 2d Battalion 69th Regiment, the 17th Jäger Battalion of the 1st Austrian Division is temporarily attached to the 228th Division, as well as one machine gun company of the 5th Heavy Machine Gun Battalion. The company of the Shock-Battalion of the 106th Division that is still in SIVRY will be left there until the new garrison is familiar with everything there.

The entire Shock-Battalion of the 106th Austrian Division will be placed in reserve; the relief of the 2d Battalion, 69th Regiment in SIVRY should take place during the night of the 18/19th.

MEUSE GROUP EAST.

Recd 1:30 P.M.

4444 op.

17/10:18 Asst. Diary Ia 265/Oct.

by Lieut. Mathieu.

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112th Austrian Regiment

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TO:

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228th Division V. D. HEYDE.

Station of Oct. 17, 1918.

Station

It is reported that the 3d Company of the 106th Shock-Battalion will not be relieved during the course of the night of the 16/17th, as that company has so far received no relief orders and as the relief of that company is to take place *after* the 228th Division takes over the sector as laid down in Division Orders, 17th Reserve Division of October 15th.

Therefore the forces designated to relieve that company were retained in the camp near the regimental command station until further orders.

(Sgd) BERGMAYER,

Colonel.

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Sender:

Artillery Commander

Oct. 17, 1918

NOON REPORT

TO:

MEUSE Group East.

Continuous hostile interdiction fire during the morning hours was delivered mainly on the HOHEN EICHEN HILL.

Our batteries are delivering annihilation fire waves against assumed positions in readiness of the enemy and threw gas surprises on routes of approach and ravines.

Since 7:00 A.M. our infantry is engaged in a counterattack for the recapture on the left wing of the position lost yesterday.

The attack is progressing but slowly, as the enemy is offering a stubborn resistance, especially with machine guns.

228th Division.

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Oct. 17, 1918.

NOON REPORT

TO MEUSE GROUP EAST.

Continuous hostile interdiction fire during the morning hours on the HOHE EICHEN HILL and the terrain Southeast thereof.

Our batteries delivered annihilation-fire waves against supposed locations of hostile concentrations and threw gas surprises on routes of approach and ravines.

Since 7:00 A.M., our infantry has started on the left wing, and according to reliable reports just received has reached, after encountering heavy resistance, the line 200 m North of "n" via point "o" to "w." Connection is assured. The troops on this wing (35th Regiment) are exhausted.

228th Division.

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Radio Message.

Place	Date	Hour
Ia	Oct. 17	2:20 P.M.

TO

228th Division; 104th Brigade; 207th Reserve Regiment.

The 2d and 3d Companies of the 48th Regiment have, as ordered, and in connection with the 2d Battalion, 177th Regiment, occupied the sector w—o and have taken up connection with the 2d Battalion, 207th Regiment. Little hostile resistance. Situation with 3d Battalion, 203d Regiment not yet cleared up.

35th Fusilier Regiment.

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K.T.

228th Division

Hq. Oct. 17, 1918.

Ia No. 5694

TO: Corps Headquarters, MEUSE Group East.

(1) During the week covered by this report the enemy has continued his attacks against the divisions in position on the East bank of the MEUSE, evidently for the purpose of stopping the annoying flanking fire from the East on to the West bank of the MEUSE.

During the past few days attacks were made on narrower fronts, apparently for the purpose of using up our forces and to prevent the shifting of reserves.

The hostile attacks were prepared by numerous batteries of light, medium and heavy caliber.

The hostile aerial activity above our front was minor during the day, more lively occasionally at night.

On account of foggy weather we observed but little traffic in the terrain in rear.

Through prisoners we ascertained on October 11th the location of the American 129th Infantry (American 33d Division) at the NACHET WOOD; on the 15th the American 115th Infantry (29th American Division) at the PANTALEON CHAPEL.

(2) In conjunction with the attached 1st Austrian Division, the Division on the whole defeated all attacks against its sector. Only during the first hour after assuming command, HILL 371 (Map Square 1157) stubbornly defended by Group Popelka (Commander 5th Austrian Regiment) was lost. The 48th Regiment did not join the division until the 13th, after it had suffered heavy losses in the fighting of the MEUSE Group West.

(3) We must count on continuation of the hostile attacks against the division front.

(4) Since the middle of March this division has had no opportunity for training on a thorough scale. Since the middle of September the division has been shifted from army to army and, generally posted far in front in support, has suffered material loss.

The regiments have participated in the battles of the last two weeks on the East and the West bank of the MEUSE.

The efficiency of men and horses has materially deteriorated through exhausting night marches, continual bivouacking, almost daily readiness for march and through the losses suffered in the last battles.

The average effective strengths are:

	Infantry Battalions,	Machine Gun Co.	Trench Mort. Co.
35th Fusilier Regiment ...	512 (599)	106 (118)	150 (161)
48th Regiment	410 (410)	77 (77)	110 (110)
207th Reserve Regiment ...	550 (593)	112 (121)	148 (152)

Average total strength of artillery battalions (39th) 21 officers, 443 men.

Vacancies existing in the 92d Foot Artillery Bn:—4 officers, 2 veterinarians, 1 paymaster, 71 men.

Number of recruits: 752; of these 59 unfit for service.

Health conditions of men and horses very unsatisfactory.

The division is insufficiently trained and was thrown into fighting without having had any rest and consequently its fighting powers were quickly exhausted. It urgently requires relief and requires at least 14 days training in rest to regain its full fighting power after the ERSATZ has been received.

(Sgd) V. D. HEYDE.

Attest for correctness:

(Sgd) NEUMANN,
Captain, General Staff.

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104th Brigade. Sent Oct. 18, 1918.

A.B.
(Sgd) BULLRICH,
Capt. and Adjt.

Artillery Commander 228th.

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Oct. 19, 1918

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Capt. and Adjt.

J.A. and i.V.
(Sgd) NEUMANN,
Captain, General Staff.

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K.T.

228th Division

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Recorded Oct. 18, 1918

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Diary No. 5790/18

Oct. 17, 1918—8:30 P.M.

GROUP ORDERS

(1) Through stubborn forest fighting, the line of main resistance on the inner wings of the 228th and 32d Divisions has been retaken.

(2) Special attention is called to the necessity of sending out security patrols along the forest roads and clearings to prevent surprise.

(3) The pioneer companies of the divisions are in future to be principally employed in fortifying the line of main resistance, and principally in construction of wire obstacles. All other tasks will have to take a back-seat. Timely bringing up material has to be strictly regulated.

(4) It is of special importance that the principal points of hostile traffic such as CONSENVOYE, BRABANT, SAMOGNEUX, head of the SAMOGNEUX—GROSSER STERN ROAD, in the woods of CONSENVOYE, road-fork 500 meters Southwest of HAUMONT, be kept under strong, concentrated interdiction fire and, under certain conditions, concentrating several divisions for that. As the enemy is bound to the roads because of the present state of the weather, we can make it very difficult for him to bring up supplies. Special Group orders follow. The divisions will submit recommendations as soon as practicable to the Artillery Section of Corps Headquarters.

(5) At 12:00 noon, October 18th, Hq. 7th Reserve Division transfers command to the 1st Austrian Division and 228th Division respectively, pursuant to Group Orders Ia No. 4383 op. of October 15, 1918.

(6) Of the 35th Fusilier Regiment, headquarters and 2 battalions will remain at the disposal of the Group in the FURST WALDECK CAMP and will be ready for the march at 6:30 A.M. Telephone connection must be kept working between regiments and brigades via message center to corps headquarters. One battalion of the 33d Landwehr Regiment will be ready for the march at 6:30 A.M. at REVILLE and one battalion the same at ETRAYE.

(7) The 1st Austrian and the 228th Division will embody in their daily noon reports a report showing the condition of the MEUSE meadows, oc-

asionally adding a sketch thereto.

ARMY GROUP MEUSE EAST.

Ia No. 4457 op.

Attest for correctness:

(Sgd) MATHIEU,

Lt. and Aide.

228th W

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228th Division

Oct. 17, 1918.

Ia No. 5749/18 op.

SPECIAL ORDERS

(1) By orders of the MEUSE Group East, at 12:00 noon, October 17th the following organizations will join Sector BRABANT, or those there now will be under orders of that Sector:

Aerial Squadron No. 219.

109th Balloon Platoon with Anti-aircraft No. 27.

Visual Signal Squad B.

Pigeon COTE 601 V.

(2) Flash Ranging Squad No. 25 is attached to the Division BRABANT and takes over observation for the entire Group Sector. For tasks connected with fire for range the squad will be at the disposal of all three divisions on their demand. Measures to be taken for compiling a fire table.

(3) Sound Ranging Squad No. 58 is attached to Division BRABANT and will be at the disposal of all three divisions at their demand.

(4) Look-outs:

(a) The officer of the 1st Austrian Division attached to the Army and Group Look-out HARAUMONT will be relieved on the 18th by Lieut. V. Opitz of the 1st Sqn, 1st Uhlans. An officer of the 104th Brigade requiring recuperation will take over the message center at the quarry 500 m South-west of HARAUMONT.

(b) On the 18th, and if possible in the forenoon, the artillery commander of the 228th Division will take over from the 7th Reserve Division the Division Look-out in Map Square 0755/13c. That look-out will be garrisoned by 1 officer, 1 non-commissioned officer and 4 men. (Telephoned ahead).

(Sgd) V. D. HEYDE.

Attest for correctness:

(Sgd) NEUMANN,

Capt., General Staff.

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K. T.
228th Division
Ia No. 266/Oct. op.

Ia
Oct. 17, 1918.

TO:

104th Brigade; 112th Regiment, 17th Jäger Bn., 5th Heavy Machine Gun Bn.

During the night of the 18/19th the 2d Battalion, 69th Regiment in SIVRY will be relieved by the 17th Austrian Jäger Battalion and one company of the 5th Heavy Machine Gun Battalion. These units will thereby be under the orders of the regimental commander of the 112th Austrian Regiment, who will arrange all details of this relief. The company of the Shock-Battalion of the 105th Austrian Division will be held in SIVRY until the new garrison has become familiar with all details there.

The units designated by the 112th Austrian Regiment to relieve the company of the Shock-Battalion will be held back for the present in the vicinity of the regimental combat station at the disposal of the regiment.

(Sgd) V. D. HEYDE.

Attest for correctness:

(Sgd) LAENGE

Captain, General Staff.

Through 7th Reserve Division
by phone to 104th Brigade,
112th Austrian Jäger Bn. 17;
Machine Gun Bn. 5.

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Oct. 17, 1918.

EVENING REPORT

Because of very bad visibility, obscured by fog, only minor interdiction fire on HOHEN EICHEN HILL, woods at BREHEVILLE, HARAUMONT HILL, SOLFERINO FERME, VILLENEUVE, and SILION FONTAINE FERME.

Gas surprises against WEISSHAAR WOODS and the depression West of ECUREY.

Since 6:30 A.M. our batteries supported the counterattack of the 3d Battalion, 207th Regiment. At the present time they are delivering interdiction fire on the FEEN VALLEY, KOBOLD bottom, and ELFEN VALLEY, as well as on the terrain South of GROSSEN STERN. Gassing of the EICHEN FOREST is also going on.

Losses: 2 men, killed 1 wounded.

Artillery Commander 228th.

EVENING REPORT

The hostile artillery was more tranquil during the night. At dusk more lively interdiction fire on the NACHET WOOD, VILLENEUVE FERME, West Road, BERG FOREST, and front line. Our artillery threw interdiction fire and supporting fire for the counterattack at 7:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M., against the GROSSER STERN and RAVINES.

At 7:00 A.M., the hostile infantry meeting the counterattack employed a hot machine gun and rifle grenade fire. At 2:00 P.M., our infantry, according to orders, started the counterattack on the left wing. Result not yet reported.

Losses: 16/10: wounded; 6 men, missing 4, gassed 7.

The losses of the 3d Battalion, 35th Regiment not yet ascertained; the 3d Battalion has about 25 men left in the position at the present moment.

The losses on the 17th are 7 wounded.

The command station of the Commander of the fighting troops is now 400 meters North of his station heretofore.

Evening Report of the 207th: Throughout the day hostile interdiction fire, with the exception of the hours from 7 to 9 in the forenoon, was directed principally on NACHET WOOD and VILLENEUVE FERME, interspersed with occasional fire surprises. Towards 10:00 A.M. there was a strong fire surprise on SILLON FONTAINE FERME and the sector of the 1st Company. The infantry on both sides is rather tranquil. Our artillery active. Many "shorts" of different caliber, also gas shells among them, in and in rear of our line (already telephoned to Division Ia and artillery commander). Connection exists.

Losses: 2 killed, 17 wounded, 14 sick (gassed?).

3d Battalion, 207th—9 missing.

i n o w 370 is in our hands.

Brigade.

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Aerial Intell. Off.

Oct. 17, 1918.

EVENING REPORT

TO MEUSE Group East.

Strong hostile interdiction fire on infantry positions and terrain in rear.

Our batteries delivering interdiction fire against hostile routes of approach and assumed locations of positions in readiness. At the present hour an attempt is being made to gas the EICHEN FOREST.

The counterattack started this morning by the 3d Battalion, 207th Regiment, successful in the start, encountered such strong hostile resistance after having gained 300 meters ground, that a further advance was impossible; the battalion suffered heavy loss. At 1:00 P.M. the attack was continued by two companies of the 48th Regiment. According to reports received, the line n—o—s has been reached. Fights not yet completed; there is connection.

Losses not yet ascertained; reports so far state 2 men killed, 33 men wounded, 15 men missing, 7 men gassed.

228th Division.

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Telephone Detachment No. 228.

Recd Oct. 18, 1918—7:40 A.M. by Kammerer

Telephone Message No. 123/24

Station:

228th Division

Recorded: 17 Oct. 18

Diary No.—

TO: 228th Division.

Oct. 17, 1918.

EVENING REPORT

The attack started at 6:50 by the 2d Battalion, 177th Regiment to recapture the line of main resistance, reached its objective in spite of the hostile stubborn resistance and bloody losses caused by the enemy, with the exception of the right wing, which had to be bent back, as the 228th Division had been

driven back to its starting position by a counterattack. The shock battalion was echeloned in rear of the gap resulting between the 32d and 228th Divisions. Together with the second successful attack of the 228th Division at noon, the line of main resistance was also retaken on the right wing. There is connection now. The 2d Battalion, 177th Regiment was then withdrawn and is now in vicinity of 1058 h. The 1st Battalion, 102d Regiment is on the march to that point.

At 9:00 A.M. a hostile patrol of about 6 men feeling forward toward the right wing of the 2d Battalion, 103d Regiment, was driven off by infantry and machine gun fire.

Except a sudden fire surprise starting shock-like at 7:30 A.M. against the left wing of the 3d Battalion, 103d Regiment, and the GROSSER STERN—ETRAYE ROAD, the hostile artillery activity was confined to interdiction fire of medium caliber against infantry and artillery terrain.

At 6:50 A.M. our artillery supported our counterattack by barrage fire and for the rest delivered interdiction fire on hostile points of concentration.

Losses:

102 Regiment:—0—0—0; 0—1—0.

103d Regiment:—3—4—0; 8—20—5 (not yet certain).

177th Regiment:—no reports as yet.

Artillery:—0—1—0; 0—13—3.

[These figures doubtless mean: Officers; Men. Killed—wounded—missing].
32d Division.

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228th Division
Ia No. 267/Oct. op.

Hq. October 17, 1918 11:00 P.M.

DIVISION ORDERS

(1) Through stubborn fighting the line of main resistance on the left wing of the division has been retaken.

(2) To prevent surprise by the enemy it is necessary to send sentries and patrols into the woods in front of the line of main resistance.

(3) After being relieved by the 48th Regiment the following units of the 35th Fusilier Regiment will go into shelter as follows:

(a) Hq and 2 battalions: in the FURST WALDECK CAMP as group reserve; officers to receive orders to be sent to 104th Brigade and 207th Regiment; telephone connection to be taken up with Section Ia of Corps Headquarters.

(b) One battalion: in the KALK OFEN CAMP, as near as possible to the West Road, as division reserve; officers to receive orders to be sent to 104th Brigade and 35th Fusilier Regiment.

Group and division reserves will be ready for the march at 6:30 A.M. the 18th. They will reconnoiter routes for probable insertion against the HOHE EICHEN HILL and in direction of the left division wing. Transmission of orders through 104th Brigade.

(4) After being withdrawn from front line, the 3d Battalion, 207th Reserve Regiment, will be assembled in vicinity of SILLON—FONTAINE FARM; it will be then at the disposal of the 207th Regiment.

(5) Attention is again called to necessity of fortifying the line of main resistance as much as possible. The principal point is to erect a wire obstacle in front of the positions; in the woods, wires should be strung from sentry to

sentry, and underbrush and trees cut down so that the sentries can see each other, and support each other.

The pioneer commander is responsible for bringing up in good time materials for constructing the position.

(6) The point where the West Road cuts across the REVILLE—SIVRY ROAD is specially subject to the hostile artillery fire. The pioneer commander will reconnoiter a route to circumvent that spot, and make it passable for infantry as far as can be done.

(7) From the 19th on, the pioneer commander will report daily at 9:00 A.M. concerning the condition of the MEUSE meadows, attaching sketches occasionally.

(8) The infantry planes today attempted several times to take up communication with the infantry; but the infantry did not show itself, nor make itself known at many points; this is absolutely necessary not only for the proper insertion of reserves but also for the correct laying of the artillery fire; the infantry should fire white light cartridges!! Only the leading company should make its position known that way.

(9) At 12:00 noon the 18th, the 228th Division will assume command of the regimental sector held by the 112th Regiment; at the same hour, the 1st Austrian Division assumes command of the sector VILLOSNES.

(Sgd) V. D. HEYDE.

Attest for correctness:

(Sgd) LAENGE

Capt., General Staff.

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Oct. 18, 1918.

MORNING REPORT

TO: MEUSE Group East.

Night passed generally tranquilly.

At 10:00 P.M. the enemy made an advance against the right wing of the 32d Division. Our artillery delivered annihilation fire on the request of red light signals.

For the rest, the artillery activity on both sides was confined to medium interdiction fire, ours principally against hostile communications to the rear.

228th Division.

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Division BRABANT.
Div. Intelligence Off.

Hq. Oct. 18, 1918.

EVENTS OF THE DAY

From 6:00 A.M. Oct. 17 to 6:00 A.M., Oct. 18th.

COMBAT ACTIVITIES

The line of main resistance on the left wing of the division, that had been lost yesterday, was recaptured today in stubborn fights that lasted throughout the entire day. At 7:00 A.M. the 3d Battalion, 207th and the 2d Battalion, 177th Regiment—both battalions being attached to the 35th Fusilier Regiment—started the counterattack. The 2d Battalion, 177th, succeeded in pushing forward to “w,” Map Square 1058; the 3d Battalion, 207th, after some initial success, encountered such strong resistance that it could not progress any further. Thereby connection with the 2d Battalion, 177th, was lost. In order that the exhausted forces lying between h and w on Map Square 1058 would not be annihilated, Headquarters and 2 companies of the 1st Battalion, 48th Regiment, were placed at the disposal of the 35th Fusilier Regiment; they started at about 1:00 P.M., forced the enemy back towards the West, and had reached the line n—o—w by 3:00 P.M. Connection to right and left was quickly re-established. Everything was quiet in the sector in the evening hours. At 10:00 P.M. a hostile patrol advanced against the right wing of the 32d Division. Signalled by red light, our artillery delivered an annihilation fire. There was no attack against the 228th Division.

During the night, which for the rest passed tranquilly, the 35th Fusilier Regiment and the 3d Battalion, 207th Regiment which had suffered much during the fighting of the past few days, were relieved. The 207th Regiment prolonged its front by the length of two companies towards the left, while the connecting 48th Regiment took over the sector heretofore held by the 35th Fusilier Regiment up to the division boundary line.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Throughout the day the hostile artillery delivered strong interdiction fire on infantry positions, battery terrain, and terrain in rear, especially on the NACHET WOOD, HOHE EICHEN HILL, VILLENEUVE, and SILLON FONTAINE FERME, SOLFERINO FERME, HARAUMONT HILL and the forest of BREHEVILLE. Gas surprises against WEISHAAR WOODS and the depression West of ECUREY. This strong interdiction fire did not decrease during the night. In addition to the targets fired on as mentioned above, this fire also included during the night NOUROY and LISSEY.

OUR ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

At 6:50 A.M. our batteries started to prepare the counterattack on the left wing: Annihilation fire was thrown on the FEEN RAVINE, KOBOLD bottom, and GROSSER STERN. In addition, throughout the day our batteries delivered interdiction fire on hostile routes of approach and traffic points in the terrain in rear. The short-range combat group gassed the EICHEN WOODS during the afternoon. During the night the batteries threw interdiction fire—high explosive and gas-shells—on the EICHEN VALLEY, KRONPRINZ VALLEY, South slope of HILL 371, cross-roads, in CONSENVOYE and the CONSENVOYE RAVINE, as well as on the hostile communications to the rear.

AERIAL ACTIVITIES

The weather clearing up in the afternoon, our planes started reconnaissances over the enemy's positions. They did not observe any concentrations of troops.

nor unusual traffic. There was little chance of observation, however, because of the dense foliage preventing a good view into the enemy's positions. According to plane reports of the 18th, the enemy is intrenching South of the KRONPRINZ HILL. There new trenches were seen (Map Square 1054/23, 24 and 21 ab, 22a.) South of the HOHE EICHEN HILL new trenches were seen in Map Square 1057/Ib, 2ab, 3ab. In Map Square 1057, 8ab, 9bd a minor assemblage of American soldiers was seen. One of our planes had a fight with a hostile plane above our lines—no success on either side.

NEIGHBORING DIVISIONS

The 32d Division participated with its 2d Battalion of the 177th Regiment in the counterattack to recapture the lost line of main resistance. At 10:00 P.M. the enemy attacked with a strong patrol the right sector of the division, but was driven off by machine gun fire and hand grenades. At the right neighboring division the day and night passed quietly.

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Sender		Place	Date	Hour
104th Brigade	Sent	Radio Sta.	18.10	12:55 P.M.
	Recd		18.10	1:55 P.M.

TO: 228th Division.

Sector 112th taken over.

104th Brigade.

Asst.

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Oct. 18, 1918.

GHQ wires again:

I again call attention to orders issued by me and by the Quartermaster General that in the evacuation of occupied terrain, destruction of establishments, etc. is to be made only as allowed by the rules of warfare.

(Sgd) V. HINDENBURG,

Field Marshal General.

MEUSE Group East, Ia 94 mob

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Artillery Commander 228th
Section II, 7815

Oct. 18, 1918.

228th Division

Rec. Oct. 18th, 1918

Diary No.—

TO: 228th Division, Ia

GUNS READY TO FIRE

7/39	4	
8/39	4	
9/39	3—	I sent to gun assembly station Dimbley because no complement therefor.
2/59	4	
3/59	4	
1/59	3—	1 sent to gun assembly station, Dimbley, because no complement therefor.
2/39	4	
3/39	3—	1 sent to gun assembly station, Dimbley, because no complement therefor.
6/39	4	

9/Bav.3d 3
 4/39 3— 1 sent to gun assembly station, Dimbley, because no complement therefor.
 5/39 4
 1/39 4
 6/Bav.3d 3
 1/92 2— 1 recoil spring broken, in firing position.
 2/92 2— 1 recoil spring broken, in firing position.
 3/92 2— 1 recoil spring lost. Cannot be replaced.
 7/59 4
 8/59 4
 9/59 4

A.B.
 (Sgd) MOSKOPF,
 Lt. of Reserve.

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 Oct. 18, 1918.

TO: 104th Brigade.

After being relieved, the 2d Battalion, 69th Regiment will march to REVILLE; the battalion will go in shelter there and take up connection with its division.

228th Division.
 Ia No. 270/Oct.

5:35 P.M. to 1st Lt. Tæglichsbeck.

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228th Division
 Ia No. 274/Oct. op.

Hlf Ia/Ic
 Hq. Oct. 18, 1918—11:00 P.M.

DIVISION ORDERS

(1) The day passed tranquilly in general.

Hostile trenches are being thrown up in Map Squares 1054/21, 23 and 24 (Southeast of SIVRY) and in Map Square 1057/1-3 (South of HOHE EICHEN HILL). It is important to interfere permanently with this work through trench mortar fire.

(2) In future, and during the momentary situation, "increased combat readiness" will not be mentioned in orders unless expressly directed by higher authority. Any hostile attack must at all times find the division in complete readiness for battle. The brigade, especially, must ascertain and take the necessary steps to assure that the Landsturm Battalion Ingolstadt, designated for occupying the KRIEMHILD Position, independently and timely occupies the position at a threatened hostile attack. The main point in occupying the KRIEMHILD Position is that the obstacles can be taken under effective fire; at many points this is impossible from the trenches; therefore the garrison must not stick fast to the trenches.

Considering the weakness of the security detachment, occupying that position, the Brigade should pay particular attention to keeping the units occupying the KRIEMHILD Position at full effective strength.

(3) Headquarters and the 2d Battalion, 35th Regiment (Group reserve) and the 1st Battalion, 35th Regiment will be ready to assume the march at 6:30 A.M. October 19th.

(4) Recommendations for the patrol activities directed in Division Orders Ia 254/Oct. of the 14th, will be submitted by the 21st.

(5) With reference to Division Orders Ia/Div. Information Hq. No. 5168/18 of October 16th, the "KRONPRINZ HILL" designated by the Artillery Commander in Sketch of October 16th as receiving annihilation fire, is changed to "MEUSE BANK" so as to avoid mistakes with "KRONPRINZ VALLEY." Therefore, radio, telephone and visual signals will use "MEUSE BANK"—as follows:

Annihilation fire "MEUSE BANK"—vft 4.

Shift fire forward "MEUSE BANK"—slt 4.

(6) For the purpose of constructing obstacles in front of the leading line, two-thirds of the 389th and two-thirds of the 295th Pioneer Companies will be assigned to the Brigade. The obstacle South of the HOHE EICHEN HILL should receive first consideration in construction, while in the wooded terrain in front of the left wing of the division a through single wire fence will suffice.

(7) Some doubts have arisen as to the course of the front line of the 2d Battalion and 1st Battalion, 48th Regiment. The course of the line will be examined by officers and reported by the regiment not later than the evening of the 19th on sketch—scale 1:25,000.

(Sgd) V. D. HEYDE.

Attest for correctness:

(Sgd) LAENGE,

Captain, General Staff.

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Division BRABANT
Div. Intelligence Off.

Hq. Oct. 19, 1918

EVENTS OF THE DAY

From 6:00 A.M., Oct. 18th to 6:00 A.M., Oct. 19th

COMBAT ACTIVITIES

Day and night passed tranquilly. A stronger hostile patrol feeling forward toward our left flank at about 7:00 P.M. was driven off by the 1st Battalion, 48th Regiment, causing the enemy serious loss. For the rest, there was no infantry activity on either side, except some very minor machine gun fire on both sides.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITIES

There being good visibility during the day, the hostile artillery developed some activity. It threw medium interdiction fire on infantry positions,

HARAUMONT, HOHE EICHEN HILL, the pioneer park at SOLFERINO FERME, the WEISHAAR WOODS, the FOREST of BRANDEVILLE, NOUROY, REVILLE, and FURST WALDECK CAMP. A few short fire surprises, interspersed with gas were made during the night on our infantry positions and communications to the rear.

OUR ARTILLERY

Our artillery threw strong interdiction fire on routes of approach, shelters and important traffic points. A heavy fire was kept up against the Turkish RAVINE, BARANO FOREST and FEEN BOTTOM, as well as on the BRABANT—CONSENVOYE ROAD and the CONSENVOYE RAVINE. During the night our heavy interdiction fire was mainly directed on the terrain in front of the left division wing and terrain in rear, gas shells and high-explosive shells being used.

A light battery fired for range with a light trench mortar against the MEUSE crossing at CONSENVOYE.

AERIAL ACTIVITY

The visibility being good, aerial activity was quite strong on both sides. According to plane report of the 17th the Northern bridge at SIVRY has been demolished; the center and the Southern bridge are passable for foot passengers. Infantry showed itself at 5:30 P.M. the 17th in Map Square 0957/13 center and 1057/15d to 20b.

NEIGHBORING DIVISIONS

No special events at either right or left division.

Note:—At 12:00 Noon the division took over from the right neighboring division the sector held by the 112th Austrian Regiment. During the night the 2d Battalion, 69th Regiment, in SIVRY, was relieved by the 17th Austrian Jäger Battalion and one company of the 6th Heavy Machine Gun Battalion

U.R. 5824/18

Rec. Oct. 20, 1918

To the 104th Brigade with request for report.

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A.B.

(Sgd) V. BROCKSORFF,
Lieut.

104th Brigade

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Oct. 20, 1918

To the 228th Division. Nothing to report.

A.B.

(Sgd) BULLRICH
Capt., and Adjutant.

Recd back Oct. 21.

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K. T.

Oct. 19, 1918

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EFFECTIVE TRENCH STRENGTHS

Units:	Officers	N.C.O.	Men
1st Bn, 35th	7	32	153
2d Bn, 35th	9	20	136
3d Bn, 35th	4	24	93
1st Mach. Gun Company.....	2	10	56

Units:	Officers	N.C.O.	Men
2d Mach. Gun Company.....	1	4	23
3d Mach. Gun Company.....	4	7	37
Trench Mortar Company	2	4	57
1st Inform'n Platoon		2	18
2d Inform'n Platoon		2	12
3d Inform'n Platoon		1	15
Average strength			55
1st Bn, 48th		33	160
2d Bn, 48th		31	140
3d Bn, 48th		35	100
1st Mach. Gun Company.....		5	25
2d Mach. Gun Company:.....		9	28
3d Mach. Gun Company.....		6	27
Trench Mortar Company		6	82
Average strength			53
1st Bn, 207th	12	36	201
2d Bn, 207th	12	31	168
3d Bn, 207th	11	17	88
1st Mach. Gun Company.....	2	10	59
2d Mach. Gun Company.....	2	6	56
3d Mach. Gun Company.....	3	9	30
Trench Mortar Company	2	9	60
Average strength			64
1st Inform'n Platoon		3	30
2d Inform'n Platoon	1	1	19
3d Inform'n Platoon		2	14

Asst.

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Sender:	Place	Date	Hour
<i>48th Inf. Regiment.</i>		Oct. 19, 1918	7:20 P.M.
	228th Division		
	Rec. Oct. 19, 1918		
	Diary No. 5827/18		
	Brig.		

TO: 104th Brigade (to 228th Div. Ia 274, Oct. 18, 1918—104th Brig. 14866, Oct. 18, 1918).

Herewith tracing of exact course of line of main resistance (examined and found correct by regimental commander personally, 1st and 2d Battalions). Sentries are outside the woods, 150 meters advanced on the right wing. In the woods up to 50 meters.

The line is occupied exactly as it has been taken over from the 35th Fusilier Regiment.

104th Brigade	To the 228th Div.	(Sgd) STEINERT
I 4871	(Sgd) v. Westerhagen	Oct. 19, 1918: 7:30 P.M.
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228th Division
Ia No. 5827/18 op/
To Corps Hq.

Hq. Oct. 19, 1918.

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Corps Hq., 5th Res. Corps
Rec. Oct. 20, 1918.
Section Ia No. 4566 op.

I approve the course of the line of main resistance as shown from p (1058) Northwestward.

(Sgd) VON DER HEYDE.

1 tracing of map incl.
(please return)

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K.T.

228th Division
Ia No. 278/Oct., op.

Hq. Oct. 19, 1918:
10:00 P.M.

DIVISION ORDERS

(1) The day passed tranquilly.

(2) The 3d Company of the 106th Austrian Shock-Battalion will be withdrawn during the night of October 21/22d and sent to the 1st Austrian Division to join the 61st Regiment. The 112th Austrian Regiment will send a unit to replace the company; advanced detachment to arrive on the 21st. The shock-battalion will leave detachments behind, strength to be regulated by the 112th Regiment, which will remain until the relieving unit has become familiar.

(3) In obedience to Division Orders Ia No. 250/Oct. op of Oct. 13, 1918, annihilation fire will be called for by red light signals. The annihilation fire must be confined to the sector of the regiment demanding it; therefore the signals must be transmitted to the rear only in that sector. In order to ascertain more easily in which of the three regimental sectors annihilation fire is demanded, the center sector will, besides red fire, use yellow also and at the rate of 1:1, and transmit the same to the rear in same manner. In demanding annihilation fire, the following signs should consequently be fired:

Right sector only red.

Center sector red and yellow.

Left sector only red.

If these directions are correctly followed, unnecessary expenditure of ammunition will be prevented on the one hand, and on the other hand the fire in front of the threatened sector will be materially reinforced by the batteries of sectors that are not threatened.

These orders will take effect at 5:00 A.M., October 21st.

(4) Unless fire is specially requested, our artillery will not fire on the terrain in front of the sector of the 207th Reserve Regiment between 8 and 12 P.M. so as not to interfere with our patrol activity.

(5) The tank guns North of the bend in the MEUSE CANAL, map square 0853/17 (one gun of the 7th Battery, 59th Reserve) and Southwest of HARAUMONT, map square 0753/24 (one gun of the 9th Battery, 59th Reserve) are tactically assigned to the infantry.

(6) The brigade will submit by the 20th report on map, scale 1:25,000, showing the boundary lines between regiments (up to opposite BREHEVILLE).

(Sgd) V. D. HEYDE.

Attest for correctness:
 (Sgd) LAENGE,
 Captain, General Staff.

Distribution:

Division	3 copies
Brigade	13
Artillery commander	5
Plane Sqn 219	1
Pioneer commander	2
Div. Intell. Off.	1

Telephoned in advance, or dictated to officers detailed to receive orders.

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K. T.

Division BRABANT
 Div. Information Off.

Div. Hq. Oct. 20, 1918.

EVENTS OF THE DAY

From 6:00 A.M. Oct. 19th to 6:00 A.M. Oct. 20th

COMBAT ACTIVITIES

The combat activities on both sides were confined during the day to minor machine gun fire and firing by sentries occasionally. During the night a patrol of the 112th Austrian Regiment, at about 3:00 A.M., advanced in the direction of the KRONPRINZ HILL but was driven back by superior hostile forces (exact place not known).

HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

The hostile artillery kept quiet throughout the day. The usual interdiction fire was kept up against our infantry positions and terrain in rear, especially against the HOHE EICHEN HILL, HARAUMONT, WEISHAAR WOODS, FOREST of NOUVROY, and KALKOFEN CAMP. The FURST WALDECK CAMP again was the target of the hostile batteries as the day before. Gas fire was directed on the depressions West of HARAUMONT. During the night the fire became stronger occasionally. Medium interdiction fire on the right battalion sector of the 48th Regiment and terrain in rear. SIVRY was much exposed to the fire.

OUR ARTILLERY

Delivered interdiction fire, partly gas, against the KOBOLD BOTTOM, Southwest slope of HILL 371, EICHEN VALLEY, KRONPRINZ VALLEY, cross-roads in the SCHAUMBERG depression and other road junctions and gassed the cross-roads in Map Square 1156.20, and KLEINE STERN. Fire surprise on R.R. station CONSENVOYE and GERCOURT.

AERIAL ACTIVITY

Our fliers took advantage of the clear weather in the forenoon for reconnoitering the enemy. No photographs could be taken because of heavy ground fog. In spite of the good weather the hostile aerial activity was negligible.

RESULTS OF RECONNAISSANCES

According to ground reconnaissances, the enemy has intrenched in the EICHEN VALLEY and South of the HOHE EICHEN HILL some 400 to 500 m in front of our lines. Patrols of the 207th Regiment, advancing from the NACHET WOOD in direction of KRONPRINZ HILL, found the KRON-

PRINZ VALLEY free of the enemy. The line of main resistance of the enemy on the KRONPRINZ HILL apparently is the old ETZEL Position.

RESULTS OF AERIAL RECONNAISSANCES

The Northern and the Southern bridge across the MEUSE at SIVRY are destroyed; the center bridge passable (patrol foot bridge). The bridge at HAFEN SIVRY is still destroyed. It appears that new battery positions have been constructed:—In Map Square 1356/7d, 8c, facing Northeast (ammunition seems to be stored there), a track, 400 m long, leads there from the Northeast. In Map Square 1356/13c for 3 guns, facing Northeast (bombproofs and ammunition stored there). In Map Square 1356/13d, 18b, for 3 guns, facing Northeast.

J.A.

(Sgd) LAENGE,
Captain, General Staff.

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Oct. 20, 1918.

MORNING REPORT

Minor hostile interdiction fire on HARAUMONT, * * * * [illegible]—cross forest of ECUREY and KALK OFEN CAMP at REVILLE.

Our artillery gassed against cross-roads Map Square 1156/20, and KLEINE STERN. Gas surprises on EICHEN VALLEY, cross-roads in the SCHAUMBERG depression, KOBOLD RAVINE, Southwest slope of HILL 371.

Fire surprises against GERICOURT and R.R. station CONSENVOYE.

Fire for range continued.

Artillery Commander 228th.

Hostile artillery activity:—from 3:30 to 5:00 P.M. the enemy bombarded the sector of the 112th Austrian with high explosive shells; from 9 to 9:30 P.M. HARAUMONT with gas. 20 rounds medium caliber on the combat station of the 112th Austrian. Throughout the night sweeping fire on lines in rear and routes of approach, especially on the West road South of the KRIEMHILD Position.

Our artillery activity:—medium interdiction fire.

Hostile infantry activity:—In front of the right battalion of the 48th Regiment Americans intrenched themselves about 600 to 500 m from our lines—according to the views of the commander of the fighting troops for the purpose of creating a foreground. Except single shots fired by sentries, no special events.

During the evening hours much aerial activity. Combat station of the 48th Regiment has changed to Map Square 0858 M P 1; the 3d Battalion, 207th Regiment has moved to the ALGER CAMP.

104th Brigade.

NOON REPORT

(1) 9:30 to 10:30 P.M. the FURST WALDECK CAMP was under fire; 10:30 to 12:50 P.M. strong bombardment on SIVRY, medium caliber.

Single fire surprises on the right battalion sector of the 48th Regiment. Throughout the night, interdiction fire on the terrain in rear.

(2) Infantry activity:—Patrols of the 112th Austrian Regiment pushed forward at 3:00 A.M. in direction of the KRONPRINZ HILL and everywhere encountered strong connecting field pickets of the enemy.

(3) Situation generally tranquil.

104th Brigade.

Little interdiction fire in vicinity of ECUREY.

Foggy.

We threw interdiction fire on KOBOLD and Southwest slope of HILL 371 with gas.

Artillery Commander 228th.

Condition of MEUSE MEADOWS is unchanged.

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112th Austrian Regiment

Rec. Oct. 20, 1918.

To the Arty: Oct. 20, B I

SERVICE REPORT

Field Post Office 521, Oct. 20, 1918

With reference to paragraph 4 of Division Orders Ia 274 op of Oct. 18th, you are informed that a plan for a well-arranged patrol service cannot be submitted today because of the continual reliefs—the regiment was inserted in the front line the night of Oct. 16/17th. Orientation is still going on and a recommendation will be submitted as soon as possible.

Tonight—that is, during the night of Oct. 20/21st—a strong patrol will be sent out from the front line between the MEUSE CANAL and the road East thereof in the direction Southward, to gain touch with the enemy.

It is requested that artillery fire be not thrown into that sector *prior to midnight.*

Oct. 20, afternoon

(Sgd) BERGMAYER,

Colonel.

104th Brigade

Submitted to the 228th Division.

A.B.

(Sgd) BULLRICH.

228th Division

3:15 P.M. Ia

Rec. Oct. 20, 1918.

To Hq. 104th Brigade

Oct. 20, 4:45

Rec. Oct. 20. 5:55 .

Sent Oct. 20. 6:05

A.B.

(Sgd) GRAF,

Capt. and Adjt.

To the Artillery—Ia

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EFFECTIVE STRENGTHS

Oct. 20, 1918. 4:15 P.M.

EFFECTIVE STRENGTHS 35th Fusilier Regiment

	Officers	N.C.O.	Men
1st Bn, 35th	7	35	164
2d Bn, 35th	11	25	148
3d Bn, 35th	7	26	96
1st Machine Gun Company	2	10	56
2d Machine Gun Company	1	8	31
3d Machine Gun Company	4	7	39
Trench Mortar Company	2	4	57

		104th Brigade	
	Officers	N.C.O.	Men
112th Austrian	2	19	183
17th Jägers	3	..	112
Landsturm Ingolstadt	9	43	187
43 Heavy M.G. Bn.....	3	21	89

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K. T.

To the Artillery

Artillery Comdr. 228th	228th Division	N.
Recd Oct. 23	Recd. Oct. 21, 1918	Oct. 20, 1918.
No. 7962	Diary No. 5878/18	8:30 P.M.

GROUP ORDERS

(1) From October 21st on, the 228th Division will have one machine gun company of at least 6 guns at the disposal of the Group in BREHEVILLE. [Marginal note]: 1 M.G. Co. remains.

(2) The Württemberg Mountain Regiment has been sheltered in the district VITTERVILLE—DOMBRAN—DELUT as support regiment at the disposal of the Group. The regiment has been requested to report for the present to the sectors of the 228th and 32d Division and later on to the 1st Austrian Division to get acquainted. The divisions will arrange details direct with the regiment.

(3) The divisions will employ the aerial units attached to them more sparingly for infantry work (infantry guard flights with the division flight officer), and employ them more for artillery work (See also MEUSE Group East Ia/Ic/Group Aerial Hq. No. 276). [Marginal note]: sent to Arty.

Observing the artillery hits as well as watching the battlefield for important artillery targets will, in the present situation, be the main tasks of the aerial units.

MEUSE Group East.
Ia No. 4539 op.
Attest for correctness:
(Sgd) MATHIEU,
Lieut. and Aide.

228th Division	Arty Commander 228th	
Ia Diary No. 5878/18	Recd Oct. 22.	S . Fe
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Arty Comdr. 228th

For your information

Div. Hq. Oct. 22, 1918.
recd and sent Oct. 24, 1918.
A. B.
(Sgd) GRAF
Capt. and Adjt.

To the Artillery

W.

J. A. and i. V.
(Sgd) NEUMANN,
Capt., General Staff.

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Division BRABANT K.T.
Div. Information Off.

W.U.
Div. Hq, Oct. 21, 1918, Gen.

EVENTS OF THE DAY

From 6:30 A.M., Oct. 20th to 6:30 A.M., Oct. 21st.

SITUATION OF THE ENEMY

The prisoners brought in at 1:00 P.M. in SIVRY by the 17th Austrian Jäger Battalion belong to the 211th French Artillery Regiment (American First Army). Apparently attached to the 33d American Division, the regiment was inserted in the sector in the woods of 'CONSENVOYE on the 15th.* The prisoners say that for the past 5 days they saw concentrations of troops in CONSENVOYE—SAMOGNEUX, BRABANT and environs. *[Relief of the 33d Div. U.S., by the 15th Colonial Div., French, was completed during the night Oct. 20-21st. W.S.B.]

COMBAT ACTIVITIES

Throughout the day the combat activity on both sides was confined to minor machine gun fire and single sentry shots; at 10:00 P.M. one patrol from the 17th Austrian Jäger Battalion pushed 1300 meters forward between the MEUSE CANAL ROAD and the KRONPRINZE HILL, but had to fall back when attacked with rifle grenades (no detailed report as yet).

RESULTS OF PATROLS

Five men of a patrol of the 3d Company, 106th Shock Battalion, which left at 3:00 A.M. October 20th, to ascertain if work was being done on the MEUSE bridges in SIVRY, have not returned. Nothing is known what became of them.

The patrol, mentioned yesterday, of the 2d Battalion, 207th Regiment pushed forward at 8:00 P.M. the 19th along the road leading through the KRONPRINZ VALLEY in map square 1055/220, but could not see any hostile outposts.

At 9:30 P.M. the 19th, a patrol of the 1st Battalion, 207th Regiment, advanced from F (map square 1056) towards H (map square 1155), crossed en-route several newly dug trenches well hidden with boughs, and returned at midnight without having seen anything of the enemy.

At 11:00 P.M. the same day a patrol of the 3d Battalion, 48th Regiment, pushed forward from s1 (map square 957) via W (map square 1057) to about 20 m North of the woods between 265 and h1 (map square 1057) and at blue point H and h1 saw hostile sentries. According to the report of the patrol the North edge of woods is not held by the enemy, but work was going within the woods. As a further advance through the dense underbrush and in the fog was impossible, the patrol fell back, unperceived by the enemy.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

The hostile artillery confined its activity during the day within usual limits; interdiction fire was thrown on HARAUMONT, ECUREY WOODS, WEISHAAR WOODS, ALGER FERME, and the forest of BRANDEVILLE. During the evening hours the enemy directed a stronger artillery fire on our infantry positions and center battalion sector of the 48th Infantry Regiment and terrain in rear, on to the KRIEMHILD Position East of HARAUMONT, the West Road, BRANDEVILLE and FURST WALDECK CAMP, the latter receiving the brunt of the fire. After midnight the fire decreased and changed into tranquil interdiction fire.

OUR ARTILLERY

Our artillery delivered the usual interdiction fire on the hostile terrain in rear and specially important traffic points, for instance, the cross-roads in map square 1156/20, 1056/17; the GROSSER STERN, KLEINE STERN were the objectives of our heavy batteries. In addition, we threw fire surprises, interspersed with gas, on the KRONPRINZ VALLEY, EICHEN VALLEY, and FEEN VALLEY and, in the evening, fired an annihilation wave on demand of red light signals in the sector of the left neighboring division.

AERIAL ACTIVITY

Was very minor on both sides because of the bad weather.

RESULTS OF OBSERVATIONS:

At 10:40 A.M., October 19th, our ground reconnoitering parties saw four men on the Eastern slope of the KRONPRINZ HILL. The light trench mortar fire from the 18th to the 20th of October resulted in ascertaining the presence of 2 new hostile batteries, namely

In map square 1455/12d, 13c and

In map square 1655/19a

According to the last aerial reports received on the 21st, there was but little foot traffic in rear of the hostile lines during the forenoon hours. 3 field kitchens were seen in CONSENVOYE, about 80 to 90 men standing around them and getting meals; there was heavy wagon traffic from CONSENVOYE via BRABANT to SAMOGNEUX.

NEIGHBORING DIVISIONS

Day and night passed without any combat activity of infantry on either side.

J.A. and J.V.
(Sgd) NEUMANN,
Captain, General Staff.

Distribution:

As events of the Day of Oct. 20.

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AERIAL REPORT

Sender	Place	Date	Hour
Lt. Brandt	Plane 219	Oct. 21	7:20—8:50

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Tranquil in our sector.

On request, the infantry spread out panels. The line runs as it did last evening. There is little foot traffic in rear of the hostile line. There are three field kitchens in CONSENVOYE issuing meals, about three-quarters of a company of infantry—80 to 90 men. Heavy wagon traffic from CONSENVOYE via BRABANT to SAMOGNEUX. There appears to be a depot in BRABANT, as about 15 vehicles were halted in the place to one side of the road and much traffic of persons could be seen (apparently a pioneer intermediate depot). CONSENVOYE and BRABANT and the roads were attacked with machine guns; good effect observed; there is a gun on an auto-truck at the Eastern exit of BRABANT.

Altitude of flight, 500 m. Strong anti-aircraft defense.

One of our and one hostile plane became engaged; no results.

(Sgd) BRANDT,
Lieut. and Observer.

10:26 A.M. Capt. Graf informed.

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Oct. 21, 1918.

Addition to Group Orders 4565 op.

(4) Attention is called that within the 3 kilometer limit the telephone can be used only provided code words are employed. If the regimental combat stations are within that limit, then the restrictions of using uncoded language also applies to them in communication with each other.

To the 228th Division.

228th Division will report by telegraph what has been arranged concerning recruits as referred to in MEUSE Group—East 11b 36182 of Oct. 18th.

MEUSE GROUP—EAST.

Ib 4569 op.

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EVENING REPORT

Artillery Commander 228th.

Hq. Oct. 21, 1918. 4:00 P.M.

A. Hostile interdiction fire on the HOHE EICHEN HILL, WOODS of ET-RAYE, WOODS of BRANDEVILLE, and KALKOFEN CAMP at REVILLE.

Hostile balloon in Map square 1545.

B. We threw interdiction fire on the cross-roads South of the GROSSER STERN, the fork of the road in map square 1155,20b, fork in the road in map square 1356,17d, on hostile trench parties in map square 0957, 21-23, on the KOBOLD BOTTOM and the ELFEN VALLEY—principally gas.

Fire surprises against CONSENVOYE (because of aerial reports of 8:30 A.M.)

C. No information available.

Artillery Commander 228th.

In regard to the 5 men of the patrol of the 3/106th, who did not return, there is no suspicion of desertion, the regiment reports.

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K.T.

228th Division

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Rec. Oct. 22, 1918

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Diary No. 5827/18 op.

Asst.

Corps Hq. Oct. 21, 1918.

MEUSE Group East

Hq. 5th Reserve Corps

Ia No. 4566 op.

Reference your Ia No. 5827/18 op. of Oct. 19.

U. 228th Division.

The line of main resistance is situated some few hundred meters farther to the rear than had been assumed heretofore, according to reports. I approve the course of that line but, considering the special importance of the EICHEN HILL Position, I do hope that this present line will be held under any and all circumstances and that no further foot of ground will be lost. Care must be taken that there will be no changes whatever, even during reliefs, and that the commanders of the relieving troops are made specially and personally responsible therefor. As a matter of course, any betterment of the position by *extending to the front* is always desirable.

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V.
(Sgd) VON SODEN.

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228th Division
Ia No. 284/Oct. op.

Hq. Oct. 21, 1918.
10:50 P.M.

DIVISION ORDERS

(1) At MEUSE Group—West strong attacks are again being made since this morning, which are in our favor according to reports so far received.

(2) The Group reserve (Hq. and 2 battalions, 35th Fusilier Regiment and 2 machine gun companies of Landsturm Heilbronn) and the 1st Battalion, 35th (Division reserve) will be ready for the march at 6:30 A.M. the 22d.

(3) There is reason for pointing out that the signals for the orientation of aeroplanes on the part of the infantry must be given only by the front line (see Regulations for Position Warfare for All Arms, part 3, par. 27).

The aerial observer cannot send in a correct report of the course of the front line, if lines in rear give these signs also.

(4) The occupation of SIVRY and connection with the 207th Reserve Regiment must be examined. For the West front, from the division limits to the Southwest corner of the village, sentries and patrols with a few machine guns will suffice, considering the overflowed state; arrangements should be made to have our artillery enfilade the canal from the vicinity of Point 968 (North). Most important is the defense of the South edge, as well as to secure connection with the right wing of the 207th Reserve Regiment; forces will have to be obtained for this at the expense of the West front; liberal supply of machine guns also. The commander of the pioneers will arrange a tank blockade (best a crater through explosion) at the South entrance to SIVRY.

So as to make transmission of messages absolutely secure, the brigade will furnish a liberal supply of carrier pigeons to the commander of the front line troops in SIVRY; in addition to the existing telephone and visual signal communication to the commander of the front line troops in SIVRY, arrangements must be made for connection with the 112th Austrian and the 207th Reserve Regiment by telephone, visual signals, and message dogs.

The brigade will submit as early as practicable a map, scale 1:25,000, showing organization in SIVRY and connection with the 207th Regiment; this map to show also the means of communication.

(5) The portions of the 35th Fusilier Regiment now in the FURST WALDECK CAMP will not be shifted at present in consideration of the tactical situation. It is left to the discretion of the regiment to also use ECUREY and KALKOFEN CAMP for shelter.

(6) Within the [3]km zone no telephone will be used except by means of code. This applies to the regimental combat stations.

(Sgd) VON DER HEYDE.

Attest for correctness:
 (Sgd) LAENGE,
 Captain, General Staff.

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SENDER
 Inf. Regt.
 v. Stülpnagel
 (5th Bn)
 No. 48
 To 104th Brigade.

Date
 Oct. 21, 1918.

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CONCERNING ENEMY SITUATION:

It has been ascertained by patrols that the enemy in front of the left wing of the regiment is about 150 m distant; machine guns are there also. It was not possible to ascertain the exact course of the hostile position.

During the past night, West of the West Road a patrol pushed forward via h—h—k, map square 1057 and, going from there Northward, returned through the EICHEN WOODS without encountering any enemy. During the past night the enemy was ascertained to be at h—h, map square 1057; it is probable that that was merely a hostile patrol.

104th Brigade

I 4843 To the 228th Division. October 21, 1918, 11:00 P.M.

The regiment received instructions to push its outposts forward accordingly.

228th Division

A.B.

Rec Oct. 22, 1918—2:10 P.M.

(Sgd) BULLRICH,

Diary No. 5893/18

Captain and Adjutant.

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[104th Brigade].

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K.T.

WU Gen.

Division BRABANT

Div. Hq., Oct. 22, 1918.

Div. Information Off.

EVENTS OF THE DAY

From 6:00 A.M., Oct. 21 to 6:00 A.M., Oct. 22d.

INFANTRY COMBAT ACTIVITIES

Day and night passed without special events. During the afternoon the 17th Austrian Jäger Battalion again captured 2 prisoners 399 meters South of SIVRY also belonging to the 211th French F. A. Regiment, who stated that they were looking for their comrades captured the day before.

The bridge across the MEUSE at SIVRY that had not been destroyed, was blown up about 6:00 P.M. by a detachment of the 389th Pioneer Company.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

During the day medium interdiction fire on infantry positions, the HOHE EICHEN HILL, SOLFERINO FERME, KALKOFEN CAMP, and woods of BRANDEVILLE. During the evening hours the enemy threw a strong fire on the KRIEMHILD Position in the sector of the 112th Austrian Regiment.

OUR ARTILLERY

Delivered interdiction fire, partly mixed with gas, on the hostile terrain in rear and, like the day before, principally on the road-forks, cross-roads South of the GROSSER STERN, the fork in map square 1156/20b and map square 1356/17d. Interdiction fire was also thrown on the battery terrain in map squares 1251/20, 1254.19cd, 1255/25, and gas surprises on CONSENVOYE where traffic was reported. During the night interdiction fire was thrown

principally into the KRONPRINZ, EICHEN, and FEEN VALLEYS and the KOBOLD BOTTOM. At daybreak, expecting a hostile attack, several annihilation fire waves were thrown on HILL 371 and the EICHEN VALLEY.

AERIAL ACTIVITY

The weather being clear and the moon shining bright at night, there was much aerial activity during the day and night. Our planes made several reconnaissance flights. [Illegible] in CONSENVOYE was attacked with machine guns. At 9:00 P.M., a hostile plane flew at very low altitude over SIVRY.

RESULTS OF PATROLS AND OTHER OBSERVATIONS

During the night of October 17/18th three patrols of the 2d Battalion, 69th Regiment started from SIVRY Southward to map square 1153/24 and 1054/12; prevented from getting farther ahead by the hostile artillery fire, they had to return without having seen or heard anything of the enemy.

To ascertain if any hostile work was going on in the EICHEN VALLEY between [illegible, might be any letter down to I], (map square 0957) and k (map square 1057), one patrol of the 389th Pioneer Company started at 7:00 P.M. Oct. 20th from h1 (map square 1057) via l to k. Enroute thereto was a trench [illegible] of about 29 meters length (North of the "2" in "265"); but the patrol could not ascertain in the dark whether those trenches were old or constructed within the last few days. The patrol returned via w to the starting point.

According to an aerial report of the 22d, the flash of a battery was seen in map square 1449/22bd, which fired flanking into the EICHEN VALLEY.

STATEMENTS OF PRISONERS

According to the statements of the two prisoners of the 211th French Field Artillery Regiment there is a battery without teams in the woods in map square 1254/19cd; they state that the other batteries of the group are also in those woods.

The prisoners also state that they have seen an American 15.5cm battery in a firing position about halfway between SAMOGNEUX and BRABANT close to the road and behind the hedge—this on the 15th; and the same day about 20 to 25 tanks on the SAMOGNEUX—BRABANT ROAD (apparently those participating in the battle on the 16th against the HARAUMONT WOODS).

NEIGHBORING DIVISIONS

The day and night passed tranquilly at the 1st Austrian Division, not mentioning the usual interdiction fire; there were no special combat phases. The 32d Division took a prisoner, who died shortly thereafter, however. He belonged to the 118th Infantry of the 30th American Division and had recently been transferred to the 29th American Division.

Br.

J.A.

(Sgd) LAENGE,
Captain, General Staff.

Distribution:

Same as Events of the Day of Oct. 20.

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Telephone Det., 228th.

Recd. Oct. 22, 1918; 12:40 P.M.; by Kammer of the 104th Brigade.
228th Division, Ib

The 35th Fusilier Regiment decided to remain in its present shelters.
104th Brigade.

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Oct. 22, 1918.

EVENING REPORT

The hostile artillery delivered a strong fire of all calibers on positions and terrain in rear, especially against the HOHE EICHEN HILL, and tramway in the sector of the 48th Regiment and left wing of the 48th Regiment. After 1:30 P.M. fire surprises between the FURST WALDECK CAMP and ECUREY.

Our infantry delivered strong interdiction fire.

No infantry activity except repeated machine gun interdiction fire on the left wing of the division.

Great aerial activity on both sides.

Losses: 48th Regiment: 2 men wounded, 17 men sick.

207th Reserve Regiment: 6 men sick.

Heavy M.G. Det: 1 man wounded 1 officer, 1 man sick.

104th Brigade.

Evening Report, Oct. 22, 1918.

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Oct. 22, 1918.

EVENING REPORT

Hostile artillery interdiction fire, medium in forenoon and stronger in afternoon, on infantry positions and terrain in rear.

Our batteries changed their normal interdiction fire at 3:00 P.M. to stronger fire against road crossings and defiles, especially also against the depressions in front of the left wing of the division. Machine gun interdiction fire on the left wing of the division. Much aerial activity on both sides.

Losses: 3 men wounded.

228th Division.

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Oct. 22, 1918.

GROUP ORDERS

(1) The conduct of the hostile infantry and the increased artillery activity indicate attack intentions against MEUSE Group—East and Group BEAUMONT.

(2) At 5:30 A.M., October 23d, the division will be in full combat readiness. Reserves will be ready to march.

(3) The artillery, starting at 3:30 A.M., will deliver reinforced interdiction fire on routes of approach and important road-junctions; from and after 3:00 A.M. it will throw annihilation fire waves on supposed positions in readiness.

(4) By 6:00 A.M., the 117th Division will be ready for the march so that the infantry can be loaded within 15 minutes on trucks and the artillery to take up the march within one hour after receipt of orders.

MEUSE GROUP—EAST.

Oct. 23.

Ia 4596 op.

Ia 287/Oct.

Rec. Oct. 22, 10:00 P.M.

Telephone; Ia 287/Oct.

Asst.

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G2on Bn. 228th

228th Division

10:20 P.M.

T. No. 6296/18

Rec. Oct. 22, 1918

Oct. 22, 1918

Diary No. 5970/18

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To the Division Ia.

A pioneer patrol under Lieutenant of Reserve Helgon was sent out to demolish the MEUSE bridge (center one of the three 800 m west of SIVRY). The bridge was blown up last night at 9:05 and the effect of the demolition was ascertained this evening by Lieutenant Helgon. The demolition succeeded completely; the bridge is entirely destroyed and cannot be used. The other two bridges were also examined by Lieut. Helgon; they also cannot be used.

Report follows.

(Sgd) SCHOTT.

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228th Division

Hq. Oct. 22, 1918—11:00 P.M.

Ia No. 287/Oct., op.

DIVISION ORDERS

(1) The left wing of MEUSE Group—West fell back, according to orders, at 4:00 A.M. October 22d, leaving strong patrols at the enemy.

(2) The conduct of the hostile infantry and the increased hostile artillery activity indicate attacks against MEUSE Group—East and Group BEAUMONT.

(3) The division will be in complete combat readiness by 5:00 A.M. the 23d, and the reserve will be ready to march.

(4) Starting at 3:00 A.M., October 23d, the artillery will deliver reinforced interdiction fire on cross-roads and routes of approach. Between 6:00 and 6:30 A.M. it will throw an annihilation fire wave on the KRONPRINZ VALLEY, one on the MICHON VALLEY, and one against HILL 371.

(5) From 12:00 noon, the 23d on the following signals will be used:

Green—annihilation fire (*)

Red —shift fire to the front (*)

White—We are here.

(6) The following change is made in the grouping of the artillery:

The long-range combat group is cut out (the batteries have been distributed among the other groups);

The short-range combat group now is commanded by Captain of Reserve [illegible] Steinberg (Hq. 1st Bn, 59th Res. F.A.); Hq. 2d Bn, 39th Res. F.A. has been withdrawn;

The maps distributed by the artillery commander to the infantry will be changed accordingly.

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(Sgd) VON DER HEYDE.

Attest for correctness:

(Sgd) LAENGE,

Captain, General Staff.

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Division Ia/Ic/IIa 3 copies

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(*) For 207th Reserve Regiment, according to division orders of 19th [words missing] op. par. 2 “green and yellow”—respectively “red and [words missing].]

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Telephoned in advance, or dictated to officers detailed to receive orders.

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K.T.

WU General

Division BRABANT

Div. Information Off.

Div. Hq., Oct. 23, 1918

EVENTS OF THE DAY

From 6:00 A.M., Oct. 22d to 6:00 A.M., Oct. 23d.

INFANTRY COMBAT ACTIVITY

Was confined to weak machine gun interdiction fire on both sides.

'HOSTILE ARTILLERY

The hostile artillery was more active than it had been during the past few days. Interdiction fire was thrown on infantry positions, SIVRY, RAVINE Northeast of SILLON FONTAINE FERME, HOHE EICHEN HILL, West Road and road-forks North of BRANDEVILLE. A few short, concentrated fire surprises were directed against the left sector of the 48th Regiment and on the terrain between FURST WALDECK CAMP and NAUROY. Taking it all in all, the hostile artillery was far more restless than during the previous days. The following batteries were seen in action on the 21st and 23d:

In the sector BRABANT: 1251/23d,24c; 1254/24; 1255/9ab; 1350/17,23; 1450/4,3a,5o; 1450/16c (this battery fired in direction of HARAUMONT); 1455.12; 1552/14a;

In the sector VILOSNOS: 1149/18; 1149/22; 1150/4a,8b; 1240/5d; 1348/14d and 15bd;

In the sector ETRAYE: 1457/16e; 1559/14a.

OUR ARTILLERY

Delivered strong interdiction fire on routes of approach, shelters and important traffic points. Cross-roads and road-forks South of the GROSSER STERN as well as the KLEINE STERN were kept under fire. Battery terrain in map squares 1250 and 1256 were gassed. Starting at 3:00 P.M. our batteries threw strong interdiction fire, mixed with gas, on the KRONPRINZ HILL, South slope of HILL 371, and the KOBOLD BOTTOM. This fire was repeated several times also during the night; and just before dawn several annihilation fire waves were thrown on the KRONPRINZ VALLEY, HILL 371, and the EICHEN VALLEY, being assumed to be points where the enemy places his troops in readiness. These waves were successful; the evidently intended hostile attack was not made.

AERIAL ACTIVITY

Visibility and view being fairly good, our planes executed several guard flights over the hostile positions and into the hostile terrain in rear as far as the MEUSE. During the morning hours one hostile chaser squadron cruised into our terrain in rear.

RESULTS OF OBSERVATION

According to one plane report, much individual traffic at 5:10 P.M. the 21st between KRONPRINZ HILL and the CONSENVOYE FOREST. Wagon traffic on the [road] CONSENVOYE—BRABANT.

During the night of the 21/22d, much auto and wagon traffic on the GROSSER STERN—CONSENVOYE, GROSSER STERN—BRABANT ROADS in both directions. On the 22d a new battery was observed in map square 1254/24.

Batteries were again seen in action, by ground reconnaissance, on the 21st in map square 1350/16, 23 between 4:30 and 6:25 P.M.

The same day, at 6:05 P.M. 4 men started for the Eastern slope of KRONPRINZ HILL and at 7:10 P.M. 2 men for HILL 371; much traffic was observed in the afternoon on the BETHINCOURT—GERCOURT ROAD; smoke was seen in DANNEVOUX, GERCOURT and FORGES FOREST.

NEIGHBORING DIVISIONS

No special combat activities at the 1st Austrian Division. At the 32d Division the hostile artillery also was more active than it had been during the previous days. Interdiction fire throughout the night on both sides.

According to reliable reports, we may assume that French are opposite the division. The utmost vigilance is necessary; every report in regard to the uniform of the enemy seen is important.

Br.

J.A.

(Sgd) LAENGE,
Captain, General Staff.

Distribution:

As events of Oct. 20, 1918.

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Between 7:00 and 7:30 A.M., October 23d strong hostile fire on SIVRY and as far as the HARAUMONT WOODS. According to the observations of the L M T, 25 batteries are engaged. The fire came from the ravines South of HILL 371 and West of BRABANT HILL as well as from the vicinity of SAMOGNEUX.

There is no doubt whatever but that the hostile artillery is advancing.

(Sgd) SCHNEIDER, Lt.

Oct. 24, 1918.

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Oct. 23, 1918.

MORNING REPORT

Hostile artillery threw medium interdiction fire on positions and terrain in rear, stronger fire against the sector of the 48th Regiment, occasionally being concentrated into short fire surprises.

Our artillery delivered interdiction fire.

Infantry quiet, except some machine gun interdiction fire.

Much aerial activity on both sides.

The MEUSE bridges are destroyed. The MEUSE meadows are unchanged since yesterday. Connection exists. Situation unchanged.

104th Brigade.

Hostile artillery more active than in past few days. Interdiction fire on infantry positions, SIVRY, North slope of EICHEN HILL, depression North-east of SILLON FONTAIN FERME, ROUROY, road-fork North of BRANDEVILLE.

Our artillery: We delivered interdiction fire against road-fork in map square 1356/27d and on cross-roads KLEINE STERN. Gas surprises against map square 1156/20 in the KOBOLD BOTTOM. Gassed battery terrain in map square 1255 and 1256. Inspected connection between aeroplanes and guard battery.

Artillery Commander 228th.

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Sender	Place: WU	Date	Hour
2 H	VILLENEUVE RAVINE	Oct. 23	Sent 8:00 A.M.
			Rec. 9:45 A.M. by Brigade

To 1st Battalion, with request for transmission to next higher headquarters.

Our artillery, light caliber, still fires too short. To ascertain what battery is doing this, will remark that the shots are coming from a Northeast direction. From 7:00 to 7:20 that battery was the only one firing over the regimental sector. After, in firing for effect, the chapel entrance from opposite the VILLENEUVE FERME to the two tall trees marked on the map (1:10,000) was fired on; the shots are striking for the past 25 minutes on a space of 30 to 40 meters in the square immediately East of the mentioned trees. Some of the shots are still striking the road and West of it.

I have also had to withdraw my men of the 3d Company during the artillery fire to the line 310 (map, scale 1:10,000) map square 0956. As the entire battery fires too short, and not only one gun, there was no possibility of having the foreground watched by sentries.

In case fire protection, that is, annihilation fire, has to be called for in the battle, there can be no guarantee of defense, especially at night, unless such bad artillery work is stopped.

(Sgd) BERGER,

Lt. of Reserve and Company Commander.

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Sender:	Place:	Date
1st Bn, 207th	SILLON—FONTAINE FERME	Oct. 23, 1918.
PERSONAL!		

TO:

Regiment.

Herewith report of the 2d Company concerning "shorts" of our artillery the morning of October 23, 1918.

Defense against a hostile attack cannot be properly executed under such conditions.

I request that until further orders an artillery officer be sent to the leading infantry lines who should have direct communication with his battery or his observation station respectively.

[signature illegible.]

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To the 104th Brigade:

With the request for transmission. Unless the continual "short" fire of the artillery ceases, the regiment cannot assume responsibility for the proper

defense of the sector. It is urgently recommended that finally an artillery observer (officer) be sent to the front line, so that the batteries that are firing short, may be ascertained.

(Sgd) HENNIGEN.

228th Division
Rec. Oct. 23, 1918.
Diary No. 5317/18
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104th Brigade

Oct. 23, 1918

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To the 228th Division

to submit this.

With request to have this continual complaint rectified.

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It appears to be the artillery of the Austrian Division.

228th Division

Hq. Oct. 23, 1918.

Ia No. 5917/18 op.

Artillery Commander No. 288.

Received Oct. 24, 1918.

No. 8060.

U.R.

Rec'd and sent

Oct. 24, 1918.

Arty Comdr.

A.B.

(Sgd) GRAF,

Capt. and Adjt.

Appendix to K.

The artillery of the 1st Austrian Division will be requested to fire only into the rear terrain, in front of our sector.

J.A.

(Sgd) LAENGE.

3 Incls. Oct. 25, 1918

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Army Group requests recommendation.

Pigeon Report

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Oct. 23,—9:45 Ia

Sent 7:50 A.M.

In addition to carrier pigeon report of 6:00 A.M.

Attack came to a stand. Enemy throws barrage. Our barrage stops.

1st Bn. 48th.

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Oct. 23, afternoon.

To 11th Grenadier Regiment, through 32d Division.

The regiment will go into village bivouac at the [illegible] between ECUREY and DAMVILLERS, at the disposal of MEUSE Group—East.

228th Division.

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6:30 P.M. N receiving orders through 32d Brigade.

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Received Oct. 23, 1918, 1:00 P.M.

Oct. 23.

The 228th Division will immediately start one battalion of the 35th Fusilier Regiment at the disposal of the Group to the East corner of the ridge between

REVILLE and ETRAYE. The battalion will take up connection, by sending an officer in advance, with Hq of the 32d Division at NEW WAVRILLE (map square 861 at blue point g.)

Arrival to be reported to Group through 63d Brigade.

MEUSE Group East.

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Sent	Place	Date	Hour
	Division Hq.	Oct. 23.	1:30 P.M.

To 104th Brigade, for 35th Fusilier Regiment.

One battalion of the 35th Fusilier Regiment will be immediately started for the North slope of the REVILLE RIDGE (map square 0861, near blue point r) as Group reserve. Officer to receive orders to be sent in advance to 63d Brigade on the WAVRILLE HILL. Arrival of battalion to be reported to MEUSE Group—East through 63d Brigade.

228th Division.

Oct. 23 sent to 104th Brigade.

Ia No. 289 Oct.

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Message

Sender	Date	Hour
Div. Headquarters	Oct. 23	1:30 P.M.

To 104th Brigade, for 35th Fusilier Regiment.

Orders No. Ia 289 are changed so as to read that the regiment will send one battalion not to the REVILLE RIDGE but to map square 0959 between point "w" and "p." Report of arrival to be sent to 32d Division through regimental combat station 103d, map square 0960 at Number 1466.

228th Division.

Ia 291

Oct. 23 sent to 104th Brigade.

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[no date; see below]

To 104th Brigade.

It is intended to insert the 35th Fusilier Regiment, with two battalions in front line, between the 207th Reserve and the 48th Regiment. The 207th Regiment will form a reserve in readiness of those portions that become disengaged, insofar as they are not needed to make the front line denser, to prevent any penetration between SIVRY and the NACHET WOODS. The 48th Regiment will withdraw one battalion and place it in the KALKOFEN CAMP. Preparations to be made so the new formation will be completed by the evening of the 24th.

The brigade will submit its recommendations as soon as possible. New boundary lines, intended distribution of forces, combat stations, means of information, connections, should be shown. (The division information officer will communicate with the brigade in regard to lines of information).

228th Division.

Ia 285 op.

Transmitted

Oct. 23, 1:20 P.M.

to Lt. Tarnow, Brigade.

Asst.

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To par. 2: see sketch, sentry line to Brigade orders No. 4885 has been marked on that sketch.

(Sgd) BERGMAYER,
Colonel.

228th Division
Recd. Oct. 23, 1918.
Diary No. 5919/18
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228th Division K.T. Oct. 23, 1918—8:40 P.M.
Rec. Oct. 24, 1918.
Diary No. 5962/18 Oct. 24. Ia

GROUP ORDERS

(1) Heavy hostile attacks against the left wing of the 228th Division and the entire front of the 32d Division have been successfully defeated at heavy loss to the enemy. Our front line was pushed back a few hundred meters between the DAMVILLERS—GROSSER STERN ROAD and the JAGER HILL [ETRAYE RIDGE]. The battle is not yet ended there. We have to count on continuation of the attacks and probable extension of the field of attack tomorrow.

(2) The divisions will be in complete readiness for battle by 5:30 A.M.

(3) At 6:00 A.M. there will be in readiness for battle, or for marching respectively:

(a) The two battalions of the 35th Fusilier Regiment at the disposal of the Group in the KALKOFEN CAMP (at the West Road) and at the point marked in blue w 1—p in map square 0959. Orders through 228th Division; for the latter battalion also through 103d Brigade of the 32d Division.

(b) The Württemberg Mountain Regiment at the disposal of the Army, with one battalion at WAVRILLE and one at the BIRNBAUM HILL. Orders through 32d Division.

(c) The 11th Grenadier Regiment 1 km Southwest of ECUREY; transmission of orders the long-range combat group of the 32d Division map square 0661, sub square 16.

(d) Mixed battalion of 253d F.A. of the 117th Division at VITTEVILLE; transmission of orders through staff officer of the artillery of the Group.

(e) The 157th Regiment and rest of the artillery of the 117th Division in readiness to march, in its quarters. Transmission of orders through the 117th Division.

(4) At 6:00 A.M., the 450th Regiment will be transported on trucks from its present shelters to LISSEY, at the disposal of the Army. The regiment will establish connection with corps headquarters through Opal on the VITTEVILLE—LISSEY ROAD, map square 0461, sub-square 5, and will report its arrival in LISSEY. After arrival, trucks to be sent back.

(5) The 32d Division will cut out local reserves from the fighting line. The division will ascertain the exact location of the leading line during the night, on which to base measures for a counterattack.

(6) The artillery activity during the night of 23/24th will be the same as during the night of the 22/23d as directed by the Group; see Group Orders No. 4596 op, of Oct. 22d.

MEUSE GROUP—EAST.

Ia No. 4625 op.

Attest for correctness:
 (Sgd) MATHIEN,
 Lieut. and Aide.

Nothing new for the troops.

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To the artillery.

228th.

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Oct. 23, 1918

EVENING REPORT

To MEUSE Group—East:

The strong hostile artillery fire on the infantry positions accompanying the hostile attack during the morning hours, decreased towards noon. Medium interdiction fire continued against the HOHE EICHEN HILL and terrain in rear.

Our batteries fired on hostile batteries in map square 1356/10 ac, 12d, 17bl; and on the hostile positions in readiness in front of our left wing, throwing a continuous interdiction fire; they also fired on hostile communications to the rear and supported the 32d Division by firing on the terrain in front of its right wing.

There was medium aerial activity on both sides.

The report rendered at noon that the hostile attack did not fully materialize because of our well directed fire, especially machine guns and trench mortar fire, has been confirmed.

Losses: 1 officer gassed; 2 men killed, 5 men wounded, 5 men gassed.

228th Division.

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K.T.

228th Division

Ia No. 292/Oct. op.

Hq. Oct. 23, 1918—

11:00 P.M.

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DIVISION ORDERS

(1) Strong hostile attacks against the left wing of the division and the entire front of the 32d Division have been defeated with heavy loss to the enemy. Between the DAMVILLERS—GROSSER STERN ROAD and the JAGER HILL [ETRAYE RIDGE], our line was pushed back a few hundred meters. The fighting there is still going on. We have to count on the attacks being continued tomorrow, and on the fact that they will extend along further.

(2) "Increased battle readiness" at 5:00 A.M. tomorrow.

(3) At 6:30 A.M., there will be ready to march:

(a) 1st Battalion, 35th Regiment, with trench mortar company, as division reserve, in the KALKOFEN CAMP;

(b) 3d Battalion, 35th, as group reserve in the KALKOFEN CAMP;
 2d Battalion, 35th, also Group reserve, at w 1 in map square 0959:
 orders for this battalion through the 104th Brigade and 103d Regiment, 32d Division.

Hq. 35th Fusilier Regiment remains in its quarters FURST WALDECK CAMP.

(4) At 3:00 A.M., the interdiction fire against the hostile communications to the rear will be reinforced; CONSENVOYE, the CONSENVOYE—GROSSER STERN and the CONSENVOYE—KLEINE STERN ROADS are to be specially fired on. Between 6:00 A.M. and 6:45 A.M. one annihilation fire wave on the EICHEN VALLEY and one on HILL 371.

(5) To prevent our own artillery activity from interfering with our infantry patrol activities, all orders will, in future, contain a "patrol service hour or hours" for the following day. Unless special fire is demanded, the terrain in our immediate front will not be fired on.

"Patrol hours" on the 24th:—8:00 to 12:00 P.M.

(6) It is necessary to make sure that the present meaning of light signals is known to every unit.

Green—annihilation fire
Red—shift fire forward
White—we are here.

(Sgd) VON DER HEYDE.

Attest for correctness:

(Sgd) LAENGE,
Captain, General Staff.

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officers detailed to receive orders.

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Division BRABANT
Div. Information Off.

W U Gen
Div. Hq. 2., Oct. 24, 1918

EVENTS OF THE DAY

From 6:00 A.M., Oct. 23d to 6:00 A.M., Oct. 24th.

INFANTRY COMBAT ACTIVITY

The hostile attacks made throughout the day against the 32d Division included also our left wing during the early morning hours. However, our well-directed artillery fire; reinforced by trench mortars and machine guns, prevented the hostile attack from developing. The afternoon and the night passed without infantry activity.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY

At 6:00 A.M. the hostile artillery started strong destruction fire of all calibers on the positions of the 3d and 4th Companies of the 207th Reserve Regiment and 48th Regiment, which was also combined with strong interdiction fire on battery terrain and communications to the rear. The fire was kept up throughout the morning at varying strength and its target principally was the HOHE EICHEN HILL, WOODS of ECUREY and WOODS of REVILLE.

During the afternoon hours the hostile fire decreased. During the night it was principally directed on the battery terrain, the HOHE EICHEN HILL, HAUMONT, ECUREY and BREHEVILLE.

OUR ARTILLERY

When the hostile fire started, our batteries delivered annihilation waves on the assumed hostile places of readiness; a strong interdiction fire was thrown, up to noon, on the KOBOLD, FEEN and ELFEN RAVINES. During the afternoon our batteries supported the 32d Division in defeating the hostile attacks by throwing a heavy fire in front of the right wing.

During the night our fire was kept on the cross-roads in map square 1156/20, road-fork South of the GROSSER STERN and KLEINE STERN and South of HILL 371, road-forks in map square 1356/17d and CONSENVOYE cross-roads; in addition gas and high-explosive surprises were thrown on the TURKEN RAVINE, the EICHEN and the KRONPRINZ VALLEYS.

AERIAL ACTIVITY

The weather being favorable, there was much aerial activity on both sides. Our planes executed several reconnaissance flights across the hostile lines and accomplished valuable reconnaissance results.

RESULTS OF PATROL AND OTHER OBSERVATIONS

At 8:00 P.M. *the 21st* a patrol from the 2d Battalion, 207th Regiment advanced in the KRONPRINZ VALLEY as far as point "r"; from there it ascended the slope of the KRONPRINZ HILL. After ascending some 200 meters, the patrol heard men talking, apparently a hostile double sentry post. Dawn compelled the patrol to fall back.

A patrol of the 2d Battalion, 207th Regiment scouted at 9:00 P.M. on *the 22d* in the EICHEN VALLEY. Ascertained: found a few dugouts for sentries, abandoned by us, full of equipments, in the woods immediately South of MAGENTA FERME; it discovered several hostile machine gun positions on the opposite slope of the EICHEN VALLEY.

One patrol of the 389th Pioneer Company perceived hostile intrenching going on during the night of the 21/22d on the slopes South of the FEEN VALLEY.

Aerial scouting the afternoon of the 23d:

Hostile batteries in map square 1557/11 firing in direction of GROSSER STERN; hostile batteries in map squares 1251/12d, 1356/10ac, 12d, 17bd firing in direction of the ETRAYE WOODS; gun on auto-truck in map square 1556.23c.

In map square 1253 4a and 9b one narrow foot bridge in each of the subsquares across the MEUSE and the CANAL. Between there and CONSENVOYE eight boats were counted along the West bank of the MEUSE.

According to reports of Plane 3, on the 22d the following batteries were located: in map square 1457/4b and 1450/4 and 3a.

NEIGHBORING DIVISIONS

At the 32d Division, the enemy succeeded after hot fighting in pushing forward as far as the ETRAYE KNOLL.

Br.

J.A. and i.V.

(Sgd) NEUMANN,

Captain, General Staff.

Distribution:

As events of the day, 20th.

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228th Division K.T.

Ia No. 5894/18 op/

Hq., Oct. 24, 1918

To Corps Hq Ia 3532 op of Oct. 10, 1918 .

Reference: Weekly Report

No change has been ascertained in the hostile *distribution of forces*; according to the reports of troops, Americans are in our front as heretofore. It was proven by four men of the 211th French Field Artillery Regiment taken prisoner on the 20th and 21st, that French artillery is attached to the Americans.

The *combat activity of the enemy* is confined to heavy partial attacks, which evidently are for the purpose of gaining ground in the direction of ETRAYE. There was little patrol activity; only on the 19th did a stronger patrol advance against the center of the 48th Regiment, which was driven off with heavy loss to the enemy. The Northern slopes of the KRONPRINZ, EICHEN, and FEEN VALLEYS are generally clear of the enemy; opposite the left wing of the division the enemy has gained a firm foothold with machine guns in the vicinity of point "o" (map square 1058).

During the week covered by this report the *hostile artillery fire* was principally directed on our infantry positions, especially against the HOHE EICHENBERG, and reached far into the terrain in rear as interdiction fire. There was no regular artillery fighting. In spite of the generally bad light and visibility conditions, we ascertained the presence of 3 new hostile batteries on the West and 6 on the East bank of the MEUSE. Though it cannot be stated for certain what strength the hostile artillery has in position, nor its grouping, it can be stated that the general grouping of the artillery indicates a continuation of the attacks. Besides light and medium calibers, heavy caliber artillery has been observed.

The *hostile aerial activity* was generally medium and increased only on the 22d. Our planes retained superiority in the air. The strong hostile aerial blockade was very remarkable on the 22d, that is, on the day prior to the last attack; it was a certain indication of a hostile operation.

Nothing unusual was observed in the matter of traffic and throwing up trenches.

(2) During the week covered by this report, *our infantry* has held its positions against all attacks of the enemy and improved them; there is a foreground everywhere and the positions are being enlarged. Every night patrols go into and beyond the KRONPRINZ, EICHEN, and FEEN VALLEYS to reconnoiter the situation of the enemy; but so far we have not succeeded in taking any prisoners.

The *artillery* succeeded several times in throwing annihilation fire waves on hostile positions in readiness; it took a large part in defeating the hostile attacks. For the rest, it threw interdiction fire—mainly mixed with gas—on the hostile communications to the rear, shelters, and firing positions. So far we have not been successful in regularly engaging the hostile artillery because of foggy weather and bad sighting conditions.

The *pioneers* have been available to the infantry for construction of positions, especially obstacles. A pioneer officer's patrol blew up the bridge across the MEUSE at SIVRY that was still serviceable. During the week covered by this report the water on the MEUSE MEADOWS has steadily risen. The entire country between the MEUSE and MEUSE CANAL is under water except a very narrow strip (see appended sketches).

(3) *Estimate of the Situation:*

The conduct of the enemy at present appears to be less for the purpose of pushing back our front now at any cost; it rather appears that the enemy confines himself to improving his positions locally and to creating favorable conditions for the continuation of his attacks; his main endeavor seems to be to hold as many of our forces in front as possible, not to let us get any rest and to thereby wear out our troops. We must reckon on an attack on a larger scale, and the more so, the more ground the enemy gains on the West bank of the MEUSE.

(4) *Fighting value of the Division:*

The fighting value of the division is low, as heretofore.

The average effective strength is (*)

	Inf. Bns	M.G. Co.	Trench Mortar Co.
35th Fusilier Regt	515 (492)	92 (97)	149 (149)
48th Regiment	415 (392)	84 (75)	105 (105)
207th Reserve Regt	554 (550)	110 (112)	148 (148)
Front line fire strength of the 112th Austrian Regt:			183 men
of the 117th Austrian Jäger Bn:			112 men

The physical capacity of men and horses has been greatly lowered through lack of rest and sleep, lack of conveniences, through great fatigue, fighting, bad weather and insufficient shelter during the past week.

The effective strength is very low through losses and sickness caused by inclement weather—especially is this true of the Austrian forces, the power of physical resistance of which has to be estimated as very low; training has been impracticable for months, and the new subordinate commanders have not had much opportunity of getting to know their men. The sanitary condition leaves much to be desired (principal complaints are cold and skin diseases); the state of the horses is better, except in the 39th Field Artillery Regiment, where it must be stated as very bad.

But in spite of these unfavorable conditions, the morale of the troops is excellent; the troops will meet all demands made on them; considering the importance of extension and thin occupation of the sector, however, we should have more reserves in the case of a hostile attack on a larger scale.

To regain its full fighting power, the division requires, after sufficient recruits have joined, at least ten days' training in good shelter. And independent thereof it is urgently necessary to give the troops a chance to clean themselves physically.

(Sgd) V. D. HEYDE.

2 sketches appended, which please return.

Depot KONIGS HILL.

(*) During the past week 228 recruits were received. Number of recruits in the depot: 1004 men.

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K.T.

228th Division

Ia No. 293/Oct. op.

Ia

Hq., Oct. 24, 1918

5:30 P.M.

DIVISION ORDERS

(1) During the night of October 25/26th, the 35th Fusilier Regiment will be inserted between the 207th Reserve and the 48th Regiment; two battalions will be placed in the front line.

(2) Boundary lines:

Towards the 207th: Map square 0956, 200 m Southwest of x—p—SILLON FONTAINE FERME (to 207th Regiment)—Point 5017 in map square 0657—Western exit of BREHEVILLE;

Towards the 48th: Map square 0957 w—t—1—map square 0858 k—map square 0758 h—West edge of LISSEY.

(3) The brigade will regulate the details of relief of the disengaged portions of the 207th Reserve and 48th Regiment. Advanced detachments of the 35th to be sent ahead early the 25th. Reliefs in the two battalion sectors of the 35th are not to be made simultaneously, the heavy machine guns and trench mortars to be relieved only after the infantry is in position.

(4) Of the battalions not inserted in the front line, that of the 207th Reserve Regiment and of the 48th Regiment will be division reserve.

Shelter: Bn. of the 207th: vicinity of SOLFERINO FERME.

Bn. of the 48th: KALKOFEN CAMP.

Transmission of orders to them invariably through the brigade.

(5) No changes will be made in the concentrated annihilation fire waves right, center, left (see tracing of map, Arty Comdr 228th of Oct. 20.). No change to be made in the instructions that the signals "annihilation fire" and "shift fire to the front" in the sector of the 207th Regiment are to be yellow in addition.

(6) Of radio equipment the 35th Fusilier Regiment will receive ground telegraph equipment for the combat station; the regiment will also take over another ground telegraph equipment from the commander of the front line troops on the right of the 48th Regiment. The 104th Brigade will make all arrangements for supplying the 35th Regiment with carrier pigeons, of which the front line of the 35th should receive a specially liberal supply.

(7) The Brigade will report the intended hour that headquarters of the 35th will assume command. There must be no interruption in transmission of orders while the relief is going on.

(Sgd) V. D. HEYDE.

Attest for correctness:

(Sgd) LAENGE,
Captain, General Staff.

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Id/Ic

Oct. 24, 1918.

EVENING REPORT

Tc MEUSE Group East.

Minor hostile artillery interdiction fire on infantry positions on the left wing of the division and terrain in rear.

Our batteries threw interdiction fire on important traffic points and gassed the batteries in map square 1255/9b and 10a.

On the report that hostile shock troops had pushed into the BERGWALD RAVINE, one company of the 48th Regiment was started to that point. The BERGWALD and the ETRAYE RAVINES were found free of the enemy.

Otherwise no infantry activities.

Little aerial activity on either side.

Losses: 3 men killed, 17 wounded, 29 gassed, 3 horses killed.

228th Division.

Note.—It was impossible to fire with aerial observation because of bad weather. Yesterday fire with plane observation could not be carried out as the batteries were subjected to strong hostile fire.

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228th Division	Ic	N.	Oct. 24, 1918
Rec. Oct. 25th 1918	R.	Ia	9:00 P.M.
Diary No. 5876/18			

GROUP ORDERS

(1) The divisions will be ready for battle tomorrow at 6:00 A.M.

(2) The reserves at the disposition of the Group and of the Army will be in readiness for battle or march respectively at 6:30 A.M. tomorrow. Places of readiness and transmission of orders as in Group Orders Ia No. 4625 op. of Oct. 23d, pars 3 and 4.

(3) The 450th Regiment and the battalion of the 233d Field Artillery now in VITTARVILLE will march tomorrow at 10:00 A.M. back to their quarters, if the combat situation permits.

(4) The battalion of the 33d Landwehr Regiment temporarily inserted in the sector of the 32d Division will be withdrawn tonight and sheltered in REVILLE at the disposition of the Group.

(5) The Württemberg Mountain Regiment will, provided the battle situation does not make it necessary to employ it otherwise, be transported by auto-trucks tomorrow forenoon to the VILOSNES SECTOR. Detailed orders follow.

MEUSE GROUP—EAST.

Ia No. 4644 op.

Attest for correctness:

(Sgd) MATHIEU,

Lieut. and Orderly Officer.

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K.T.

228th Division

Hq. Oct. 24, 1918—11:00 P.M.

Ia No. 294/Oct. op.

DIVISION ORDERS

(1) The day passed tranquilly.

(2) "Increased combat readiness" from 5:00 A.M., Oct. 25 on the part of 1st Battalion 35th, as division reserve. 3d Battalion, 35th as Group reserve from 6:30 A.M. on, and in march readiness in the KALKOFEN CAMP. Headquarters 35th and Trench Mortar Company 35th, remain in the FURST WALDECK CAMP.

(3) Division orders, Ia No. 293/Oct. op. of Oct. 24th are hereby changed, and the two battalions of the 207th Reserve and of the 48th Regiment that are not inserted in the front line are the Group reserve; the battalion of the 207th will go into shelter in the woods Northeast of HARAUMONT (map square 0653, 0654 or 0655); shelters to be reconnoitered first; the battalion of the 48th will, as ordered, go into shelter in the KALKOFEN CAMP.

This will leave only the two pioneer companies available as division reserve.

(4) The 2d Battalion, 35th, now as Group Reserve in the sector of the 32d Division, will probably rejoin its regiment during the night of the 25/26th.

(5) "Short-range combat sub-group left" has been taken over by Major Modrow (Comdg. 3d Bn, 59th Reserve Foot Artillery Regiment); "Disposition group" has been taken over by Captain of Reserve Wachs (Comdg. 3d Bn, 39th Reserve Field Artillery).

The maps issued by the artillery commander will be amended accordingly.

(6) The 32d Saxon Regiment will be relieved by the Saxon 192d Regiment; Transfer of command at noon the 26th.

(7) Patrol hours on the 25th from 8:00 to 12:00 P.M.

(Sgd) V. D. HEYDE.

Attest for correctness:

(Sgd) LAENGE,

Captain, General Staff.

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Telephoned in advance, or dictated to officers detailed to receive orders.

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Division BRABANT
Div. Intelligence Off.

Div. Hq. Oct. 25, 1918

EVENTS OF THE DAY

From 6:00 A.M., Oct. 24, to 6:00 A.M., Oct. 25th

ENEMY SITUATION

It is very probable that the American 33d Division has been relieved by a French division. Connecting on the East, the 29th American Division has been confirmed.

INFANTRY COMBAT ACTIVITY

Day and night passed tranquilly in general. On receipt of a report that hostile shock-troops had pushed their way into the BERGWALD RAVINE, one company of the 48th Regiment was started for that ravine. That ravine and the ETRAYE RAVINE were found free of the enemy.

HOSTILE ARTILLEY ACTIVITY

Because of dark weather the hostile interdiction fire was very medium and increased to some extent only during the afternoon hours on infantry positions and terrain in rear; the HOHE EICHEN HILL, SOLFERINO FERME, the hill South of BREHEVILLE and BRANDEVILLE as also the communications to the rear were the principal targets.

OUR ARTILLERY

Threw interdiction fire on roads and routes of approach in the hostile terrain in rear where traffic was observed; cross-road in map square 1356/17d, road-fork South of the GROSSER STERN, cross-roads in map square 1156/20

and cross-roads in CONSENVOYE were also fired on; gas surprises were executed against the TURKISH RAVINE, SCHAUMBERG depression, EICHEN WOODS, and the battery in map square 1455/21d. The batteries in map square 1255/9b and 10a were gassed. From 5:20 P.M. on we threw supporting fire in front of the left neighbor sector and from 6:00 to 6:30 P.M., interdiction fire in front of our left regimental sector. A hostile battery that had gone into position South of the KRONPRINZ HILL was silenced.

AERIAL ACTIVITY

Not much aerial activity on either side because of bad weather. During the night of October 23/24th a hostile plane threw some bombs on SIVRY. Planes could not fire because of ground fog. On the 23d planes of the 2d Aerial Combat Squadron successfully attacked traffic in CONSENVOYE and BRABANT and also hostile batteries in action.

RESULTS OF PATROLS

On the 22d an observation sentry of the 1st Battalion 207th, ascertained the locality of an abandoned *American* sentry position (dugout) at "M" in MAGENTA FERME, South of the FERME in the woods.

A patrol of the 1st Battalion 207th advanced in the afternoon of 23d from p (map square 0956) via x—MAGENTA FERME—t (map square 1056) to K1 (map square 1057) and there saw a hostile double sentry post. As the patrol came into strong artillery fire, it had to retire.

RESULTS OF RECONNAISSANCE

Ground Observation on the 23d:

6 P.M. Visual signal station, KRONPRINZ HILL.

5:30 to 5:45 P.M., explosion in the EICHEN FOREST.

4—5:00 P.M., wagons and autos on the GERCOURT—BETHINCOURT ROAD.

Batteries in action: one, in map square 1350/21, of 6 guns.

Single soldiers in the terrain in rear.

Plane Observations on the 23d (3d Aerial Sqn): During the continual observation of the artillery fire a large number of new batteries were seen, part of them far to the front. These batteries are in position in the limited space between KRONPRINZ HILL—CONSENVOYE—BRABANT—HAUMONT.

The following batteries were seen in action:

10:30 A.M.—1255/25; 1356/10ac, 12d and 17bd; A.A. cannon in 1556/23

11:30 A.M.—1456/1 (4 guns); 1358/12 (4 guns); 1254/15 (3 guns)

12:30 P.M.—1657/7; 1458/25; 1357/16

2:30 P.M.—1255/1d; and 7a; 1356/8

5—5:40 P.M.—1559/14ab; 1657/16b and 20ac; 1556/19; 1455/12; 1457/4b-5a; 1557/11 center;

1251/12a; 1249/4d-5c; 1250/1bd.

The traffic in rear was remarkably limited.

NEIGHBORING DIVISIONS

At the 1st Austrian and at the 32d Divisions day and night passed without any special infantry activity.

J.A.

(Sgd) LAENGE,

Captain, General Staff.

Distribution:

As events of the day of the 25th [sic]
and to Div. Observer 1 copy.

Oct. 25, 1918.

12:30 P.M.

Ia 298 Oct.

To 228th Division.

It is absolutely necessary to clear up the situation with regard to the enemy in front of the 228th Division by immediately bringing in some prisoners. It must be ascertained whether the division is opposed by French or Americans. The division will send out a number of patrols tonight.

MEUSE GROUP EAST.

Ia 4655 op.

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To 104th Brigade.

Pioneer Commander (for his information).

It is absolutely necessary to clear up the situation with the enemy, especially in front of the Western half of the division sector, where we assume that French have been for the past few days. During the coming night of the 25/26th, in all three regimental sectors shock-troop operations with definite tasks will be started. Losses have to be expected; rewards for success must be promised.

Patrol hours 8:00 P.M. to 4:00 A.M.

228th Division.

Ia No. 298/Oct., op.

Transmitted to Brigade 1:40 P.M. 25/10

Pike, Asst.

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To 104th Brigade.

Transm. at 6:00 P.M. 25/10—H1f.

In case it is not possible to bring in prisoners the next few days, an attack on a larger scale (with about one battalion) will be made against the KRON-PRINZ HILL. Preparations therefor to be started at once; submit your plans soon as possible.

228th Division.

Ia No. 299.

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228th Division

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Ia No. 304/Oct., op.

Hq., Oct. 25, 1918—11:35 P.M.

DIVISION ORDERS

(1) Division Orders Ia No. 293/Oct. op. of October 24th concerning the insertion of the 35th Fusilier Regiment between the 207th Reserve and the 48th Regiment, and Division Orders Ia No. 296 of October 25th concerning the relief of Austrian troops in SIVRY by a battalion of the Württemberg Mountain Regiment are rescinded.

(2) The boundary line between the 228th and the 32d (192) Division is shifted to the line where the line of main resistance crosses the West Road—West edge of REVILLE; the West Road belonging to the 228th Division. Relief of the battalion of the 48th Regiment standing in the sector to be given up will take place by the 1st Battalion 245th Regiment of the 192d Division in the afternoon of the 26th. Advanced detachments will arrive the forenoon of the 26th at regimental combat station of the 48th Regiment. The relief will be supervised by the commander of the 48th Regiment. Hour of transfer of

command will be reported. Concerning the course of the line of main resistance and line of sentries of the portion of the sector to be transferred, officers will after consultation prepare a sketch showing details and submit same to these headquarters through brigade headquarters.

(3) The 17th Austrian Jäger Battalion will be withdrawn according to Army orders. After relief, it will be sent to the 1st Austrian Division and will go into shelter in the camp 500 m South of HILL 252 in the BOIS DE DEFFOY (about 3 km Northwest of BRANDEVILLE).

(4) New arrangements of regimental sectors:

Boundary line between:

(a) 112th Austrian and the 207th Reserve Regiments:

From BREHEVILLE to the KRIEMHILD Position inclusive as heretofore, thence o (0855) to point 968 on the MEUSE CANAL;

(b) 207th Reserve and the 35th Fusilier Regiments:

East exit of BREHEVILLE to "o" in map square 0757 to "r" in map square 0856 to 993 in map square 0956 to CHAPEL ST. PANTALEON (this belongs to the 207th Reserve Regiment);

(c) 35th Fusilier Regiment and 48th Regiment:

"w" in map square 0359 to "w" in map square 0758 to "i" in map square 0857, thence boundary line as heretofore.

(5) In each regimental sector two battalions will be inserted in the front line, including local reserves. The necessary shifting and relieving will be made during the night of the 26/27th under directions of the brigade.

Should a hostile attack occur during the shifting, all movements will be immediately stopped; the units not yet in their new positions will be under orders of the regimental commander in whose sector they are. There must be full assurance of transmission of orders.

(6) The garrison of SIVRY must be held as weakly as practicable in infantry. The defense should be principally by machine guns. The main point is to prevent a penetration between SIVRY and the NACHET WOODS and an envelopment of the ridge running Southwest from the HOHE EICHEN HILL. Therefore strong reserves with many machine guns should be posted in the NACHET WOODS and in the vicinity of VILLENEUVE FERME.

(7) The 112th Austrian Regiment will leave three companies as security garrison in its old sector in the KRIEMHILD position (the right wing company will be the boundary line company), 1 company will be quartered in BREHEVILLE as division reserve. Machine gun companies will be drawn up according to need for occupying SIVRY and for flanking the slope in front of the position of the regiment.

(8) Of the units not inserted, there will be:

(a) *Group reserve:*

1 battalion of the 207th Reserve Regiment and 1 machine gun company (at present of the Landsturm Bn. Heilbronn) in BREHEVILLE;

1 battalion of the 48th Regiment in the KALKOFEN CAMP.

(b) *Division reserve:*

1 company of 112th Austrian Regiment in BREHEVILLE;

389th and 395th Pioneer Companies in the KALKOFEN CAMP.

(9) Lines of information will be recommended by the division information officer after consultation with the brigade.

(10) The brigade will report by telephone as soon as practicable the intended distribution of forces.

(Sgd) V. D. HEYDE.

Attest for correctness:
 (Sgd) LAENGE,
 Captain, General Staff.

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Extracts from the War Diary of the 35th
Fusilier (Infantry) Regiment of Prince
Henry of Prussia, (Brandenburg)
7 October to 31 October
1918

October 7, 1918. Place: BATTLE STATION. Weather: Cloudy, much rain.

Intense readiness for action in the hours of the forenoon. The 1st Battalion was quietly relieved in the early morning. Fairly quiet at daylight. No special occurrences.

October 8, 1918. Place: KALKOFEN CAMP at REVILLE. Weather: Rainy.

At 6 A.M. the 2d Battalion was quietly relieved and is marching to the KALKOFEN CAMP. In the forenoon the regimental commander inspects with artillery commander the most advanced lines. The 3d Battalion is placed under the direction of the 5th Austro-Hungarian Regiment.

October 9, 1918. Place: KALKOFEN, later HOHER EICHENBERG. Weather: Heavy fog until noon, then warm and sunny.

At 8:30 A.M. orders to reconnoiter the situation at SIVRY and reserves on the right. At 9:30 A.M. order for attack on KRONPRINZEN HEIGHT (by telephone from general headquarters). Regiment under 1st Austro-Hungarian Infantry Division.

9:32 A.M. 1st Battalion receives order to begin attack.

9:35 A.M. 2d Battalion receives order to begin attack.

9:45 A.M. Regimental staff advances toward front and leads the regiment and battalions in the direction HOHER EICHENBERG. There the advance receives enemy machine gun fire. At 10:50 A.M. a patrol of 1st Battalion 35th is sent ahead to ST. PANTALEON CHAPELLE. It is at once exposed to machine gun fire.

11:00 A.M. 2d Battalion 35th receives orders to deploy to the right and make junction with 1st Battalion. Minenwerfers ordered to be in readiness for firing at the forest.

12:00 noon. 39th Field Artillery reports that they have begun change of position to the heights North of REVILLE.

12:45 P.M. Junction made with 72d Infantry Regiment, on the right. (South of SILLON FERME); left not yet cleared up.

1:00 P.M. Order from Group: "The line SILLON FONTAINE FERME—HOHER EICHENBERG—West Road—GROSSER STERN—HEIGHT 371, must be held.

1:30 P.M. Lieut. of reserves Konagle, who had been sent to the Shock Battalion "Rohr" to bring it to the regiment as reserve, reports that the battalion is mixed up in a fight at SILLON FERME and cannot get away.

1:50 P.M. Group order telephoned: "Shock Battalion 'Rohr' is to push forward to SOLFERINO FERME and seek touch with 35th Fusilier Regiment, hold the height and eventually drive the enemy away from there. 35th Fusilier Regiment to hold HOHER EICHENBERG and look out for junction leftward with GROSSER STERN."

2:00 P.M. Information is received from the 3d Battalion 35th: "Battalion is with 5th Austrian Regiment and 1st Battalion, 106th Austrian with right flank at GROSSER STERN and has placed 9th Company 35th as flank support in rear of left wing. Lieut. Dorno killed. Right flank is in the air. Enemy apparently at KRONPRINZENTAL."

Active flyer movement on our part.

2:25 P.M. Telephoned to Group: "Junction to right cleared up. On right lies Shock Battalion "Rohr"—72d Infantry Regiment—69th Infantry Regiment, etc. Junction toward left not yet established."

2:40 P.M. Orientation of the intelligence officer: 2d Austrian [illegible] brigade position on left: Lines JAGER RIDGE—GROSSER STERN—HEIGHT 371 [illegible] 345—refused. At ALGER FERME (2 kilometers North of REVILLE) there have arrived two battalions 207th Reserve Infantry Regiment and are there as reserve.

3:00 P.M. Report of Shock Battalion "Rohr": "Held VILLE for a short time. Could not hold on account of heavy fire on right. Lying 200 meters in front of VILLE NEUF FERME."

According to reconnaissance of the 1st Battalion, Shock Battalion "Rohr" is East of VILLENEUVE. Therefore in front of the 3d Battalion, which will be withdrawn.

4:25 P.M. 5th Austrian Regiment is informed that attack on KRONPRINZEN HEIGHT comes off at 6 P.M. (as ordered by the division).

4:35 P.M. Order to artillery to prepare for fire on KRONPRINZEN HEIGHT.

4:37 P.M. Commander 3d Battalion 35th receives order for attack; advance through EICHENTAL to KRONPRINZEN HEIGHT. The 1st Minenwerfer Company co-operate. 1st Battalion 35th to advance at PANTALEON FERME.

4:40 P.M. 1st Austrian Infantry Brigade orders attack on KRONPRINZEN HILL.

4:40 P.M. Order given to 1st Battalion 35th.

5:00 P.M. 2d Battalion 35th is withdrawn and set up for attack on EICHENTAL.

5:30 P.M. Attack is countermanded by the regiment, being without purpose. Everything remains as before. Two companies are to be drawn up for protection of low ground on left flank.

5:32 P.M. Report from 1st Battalion 35th that a detachment of Americans came up over MAGENTA FERME and was driven back.

5:35 P.M. Enemy flier squadrons about 200 strong approached on flight into rearward areas. They are dropping bombs on our lines of rifle pits as well as on our artillery. This was apparently intended as preparation for the fire attack just mentioned.

5:35 P.M. Report to 5th Austrian Regiment that attack is not to take place.

5:58 P.M. 2d Battalion 35th reports that it has captured PANTALEON CHAPELLE.

6:10 P.M. Prisoners of the 8th Company [taken by the 8th Company] 35th arrive. According to information, Regiment has taken PANTALEON CHAPELLE and is under heavy machine gun fire.

7:15 P.M. Sub-group is oriented by its intelligence officer.

7:20 P.M. Regiment has taken PANTALEON CHAPELLE. Is holding it against attacks. Has taken 18 prisoners. Will not go further forward today.

7:35 P.M. According to information from the adjutant, 1st Battalion 35th lies on North line of KRONPRINZEN RAVINE. Will be reported to Group at once.

8:15 evening. 5th Austrian Infantry informed of situation.

9:25 evening. Report of daily events sent to group.

6:00 P.M. A battalion 106th Saxon Infantry Regiment has reported. It is at the disposition of the regiment and will be posted on left flank to fill the gap.

9:30 evening. Report from 1st Battalion 106th that gap on left has been closed.

9:50 P.M. Intelligence officer of 2d Austrian Infantry Brigade is advised of the situation, and direction of lines.

Distribution on right: Junction—unknown—7th—1st—2d Companies, Shock Battalion Rohr—2d—4th—left—in rear—at MAGENTA FERME—8th—in rear of that, the 5th—obliquely in front EICHENTAL, 6th—then three companies 103d Saxon Infantry—one company 5th Austrian Regiment—three battalions 35th—2d Battalion Saxon 102d, * * * *

According to statement of 72d Infantry Regiment, SIVRY was in hands of 69th Infantry Regiment.

October 10, 1918. Place: BATTLE STATION on West Road at forwarding station "West Road." Weather: Sunny, warm.

4:00 A.M. Orders 2d Austrian Infantry received concerning distribution, boundaries, etc.

5:30 A.M. Telephoned to 1st Battalion and Shock Battalion Rohr.

5:45 A.M. Lieut. of reserves Konagle who has been ordered to the 104th Infantry Brigade, is informed of the situation.

7:00 A.M. Brisk artillery fire.

8:15 A.M. 2d Battalion 35th reports that by patrol report, 2d Company is under fire and has gone back to some extent. Company lies in direction of enemy in the EICHEN HOLLOW.

8:20 A.M. Report that 228th Infantry Division assumes command at noon.

8:25 A.M. 1st Battalion 35th reports: "Enemy firing on KRONPRINZEN HEIGHT and valley; placing fire against front lines. 4th Company has moved line 400 meters to rear, 2d Company left flank, bent back. Battalion demands fire on KRONPRINZEN HEIGHT."

8:30 A.M. Artillery informed.

8:35 A.M. According to 2d Battalion 35th enemy is transferring fire and attacking. Artillery fire shifted at once on Northern slope KRONPRINZEN HEIGHT.

8:43 A.M. 2d Company Austrian Infantry Brigade advised.

8:55 A.M. 2d Battalion 35th reports: "Enemy in dense crowds in MAGENTA FERME. Request artillery fire be transferred there."

9:05 A.M. 2d Austrian Infantry advised of situation and of enemy attack, and effective artillery support requested.

9:20 A.M. 6th Company 35th reports that enemy there beaten off; is seeking to get out to the left West Road there to out-flank left wing. Artillery informed to fire on KOBOLD RAVINE.

9:25 A.M. It is observed that companies of Shock Battalion are retreating; urgently called on to stand fast and hold position.

10:35 A.M. 6th Company 35th begs for re-enforcements.

10:36 A.M. Shock battalion reports that companies have been brought together and are again going forward.

10:55 A.M. 2d Battalion 35th reports that enemy is going back in great crowds. Artillery firing among them under direction of observers.

11:10 A.M. Comparative quiet.

11:15 A.M. Reported to brigade that PANTALEON CHAPELLE has been abandoned, that we lie directly East; since then opponent has been attacked by a dense rolling fire from MEUSE—East and KRONPRINZEN HEIGHTS. Line otherwise being held.

12:40 P.M. Parts of 207th Reserve Infantry Regiment have arrived at PANTALEON CHAPELLE. Were at once given over to brigade.

3:07 P.M. 207th Reserve reports that 1st Battalion has junction with 35th Fusilier Regiment on left.

3:10 P.M. Two machine guns and 3 light minenwerfers have arrived to cut off the EICHENTAL (by order of 104th Infantry Brigade).

7:30 P.M. Regiment issues order for new distribution in sector.

10:20 P.M. Agreement that 2d Battalion 35th relieves 1st Battalion 103d, so that 1st Battalion 103d can be withdrawn as reserve.

October 11, 1918. Place: As above. Weather: Cloudy.

4:15 A.M. 389th Pioneer Company arrives and is quartered at REGEWALD.

7:15 A.M. 3d Battalion arrived at KALKOFEN CAMP as group reserve.

By order of 104th Infantry Brigade, 1st Battalion 103d leaves the command of Glasenap and comes under command of 63d Saxon Infantry Brigade which lies on left.

7:30 A.M. An officer of the 63d Brigade informs the regiment of the situation and adjoining forces on left. Direction of line there has been noted on chart. Right boundary is, according to orders, —*q*—but is Northward—*n*—so that about 200 meters must yet be occupied by the regiment.

Position on left is in order.

12:45 P.M. Orders for dividing regiment into two parts and shoving forward battalions 207th which stand under command of Glasenap, on left wing, inclusive of NACHET WOOD.

12:45 P.M. Reminders of 112th Austrian Regiment arrive and are placed under command of the regiment. They will be quartered in the KALKOFEN LAGER. 3d Battalion 35th has been relieved from command of 1st Battalion 5th Regiment and is again placed under the direction of the regiment (6 heavy machine guns, 8 officers, 195 men).

1:30 P.M. 11th and 12th Companies have relieved 103d Brigade and occupy the left wing of the sector to —*o*.

2:15 P.M. Minenwerfers are charged with firing on EICHEN HOLLOW, as movements were observed there. Lively machine gun fire heard by ours on left GROSSER STERN.

3:05 P.M. 1st Battalion 207th reports that undertaking against NACHET WOOD was unsuccessful on account of short range fire of our own artillery. Old line is held; nothing further for the present.

3:06 P.M. 3d Battalion 35th reports that our artillery at GROSSER STERN is firing too short. Reported to brigade by field telegraph.

3:10 P.M. An officer of Shock Battalion Rohr reports and is given information. Battalion strength is 80 men.

3:25 P.M. 15th Minenwerfer Battalion receives order from the regiment to put in order the medium werfers because the detachment is to be relieved as reserve of supreme headquarters. Light mines to be fired off.

3:40 P.M. 1st Battalion 103d reports that enemy is attacking EICHENMULDE at 3:00 P.M. Asks fire on EICHENMULDE.

3:45 P.M. Quiet.

3:50 P.M. Brigade is oriented about the exact direction of the line, which has been reconnoitered by 3d Battalion 35th. Because our own artillery has caused many tree explosions by short range firing in the direction GROSSER STERN, it is requested to cease firing.

6:00 P.M. 5th Company 35th is being fired on with heavy calibers. Company giving way.

6:40 P.M. Shock Battalion withdrawn and assigned to regiment as reserve.

Sanitary arrangements:

Main dressing station: BREHEVILLE.

Regimental dressing station: KALKOFEN LAGER.

Advanced first-aid station: At —v— on the West front road.

Medical inspection room: BRANDEVILLE.

October 12, 1918. Place: ————. Weather: Hazy, rain in evening.

From about 12:00 A.M. [midnight] on: Active artillery fire especially on the sector of 2d Battalion 35th and in rear of left sector, mostly heavy calibers. 2d Battalion was temporarily forced out.

12:30 A.M. Telephone report to the division, according to which the 1st Company 207th is no longer under direction of the regiment, that the 207th must capture the NACHET WOOD and 1st Company 207th is to take position in rear of HOHE EICHENBERG as reserve for 35th Regiment. The Austrian troops remaining in the sector are to be let out.

5:00 A.M. 3d Battalion 35th reports that on the left wing, which has been under heavy fire since midnight, something is going on, while on the right green signal lights are constantly going up. Our own artillery is firing too short near 2d Company 35th. This was at once reported through artillery liaison officer, but could not be stopped for an hour.

Brisk heavy artillery fire also on West Road and West line GROSSER BERGWALD.

106th Regiment reports everything in order there. No infantry attack observed.

5:30 A.M. One of our own howitzer batteries is still firing too short on left flank near 1st Battalion 35th. Sub-group has been communicated with and requested to correct this at once.

8:30 A.M. 1st Battalion 103d reports that an attack is in progress on its left; wing not yet threatened.

9:40 A.M. Information from brigade that there is a grand attack at BEAUMONT. Battalions will be informed at once.

11:25 A.M. 3d Battalion 35th reports that it is not possible for it to establish accurately enemy's position, as was ordered, because low flying enemy flyers prevent every movement. Regiment therefore demands an infantry flying observer.

11:45 A.M. 1st Battalion 103d reports that grand attack at 15th Infantry Division was completely repulsed.

1:20 P.M. Brigade says: that columns are marching at KRONPRINZENTAL. Our own artillery is already firing; minenwerfer runners notified.

1:45 P.M. 3d Battalion 35th reports an enemy column from HAUMONT VALLEY—on the left flank of our position (flyer report).

2:00 P.M. After reports from all battalions, no movements have been observed among enemy up to this time.

2:45 P.M. Enemy artillery beginning to place rear and also front areas under fire.

2:50 P.M. 1st Battalion 103d reports: Additional enemy re-enforcements constantly arriving. They are already in KRONPRINZEN HOLLOW. (63d Infantry Brigade). 1st Battalion 35th reports that up to this time they have not seen anything.

3:20 P.M. 1st Battalion 35th reports that opponent is firing on HOHEN-EICHENBERG and on depression South of VILLENEUVE FERME. No movements observed.

4:30 P.M. Patrol 3d Battalion 35th reports that enemy machine gun stands were posted at the fork of the road at North slope of HEIGHT 371. Sharpshooters nests in Northwest direction. Wagon traffic heard on road GROSSER STERN. That 250 meters West of West Road no enemy was observed in the FEEN GROUNDS.

6:25 P.M. Prepare for fog ordered.

A minor patrol enterprise will be taken up by patrol. 1st [Bn.?] at 7:15 P.M. in square 1057 in woods to ascertain whether they are occupied by the enemy. A few artillery shots to be dropped there in connection, also.

Result: Woods free of enemy—also of artillery and mines. Losses none. Enemy's presence established by dead bodies. Letters found indicate presence of 129th American Infantry Regiment.

October 13, 1918. Place: As heretofore. Weather: Foggy, cloudy.

Very quiet.

12:30 A.M. Order received pursuant to which 2 Companies Landsturm Infantry Regiment Ingolstadt are placed under direction of the regiment as emergency support in the KREIMHILD Position.

6:30 A.M. Prepare for fog ordered. Cancelled at 10:00 A.M.

During day only slight enemy artillery activity. Livelier afternoon with our own artillery.

October 14, 1918. Place: As above. Weather: Cool, cloudy. Very quiet.

12:30 A.M. At night lively artillery fire on our part. Enemy artillery fire replies weakly. 389th Pioneer Company is from today brigade reserve and at disposition of regiment for working purposes. Barrage fire signals mean: *red*: barrage entire front; *green*: increase range; *white*: we are here.

From 6:30 P.M. on lively enemy artillery fire on HOHER EICHENBERG and fringe of woods also on West Road. Kept up, to 10:30 P.M. Our own counter fire was called for. Own artillery fire at brisk rate all night. Our patrols found FAIRY HOLLOW and GROSSEB STERN free of the enemy.

October 15, 1918. Place: As before. Weather: Rain.

8:30 A.M. Lively artillery fire on HOHEN EICHENBERG and BERGWALD.

8:30 A.M. Telephoned to brigade.

9:30 A.M. Forty minutes artillery fire on line of woods. No infantry

fire on front line. Attack not yet observable. Front line 1st and 2d Battalions yet intact. Machine gun fire, off and on, into the ravines.

All telephone lines cut except those of 2d Battalion 35th; all radio antennae shot up.

9:40 A.M. Report in writing to rear as above (to brigade and division).

10:30 A.M. Nothing yet known about situation. Now and then quiet, then solitary shots at line of forest and into the woods.

10:35 A.M. Minenwerfer Company reports EICHENBERG under heavy fire to line of woods. All infantry and machine gun ammunition at regimental battle stand set on fire by projectiles. Prevents all communication with battle headquarters.

10:45 A.M. 3d Battalion 35th reports that everything was still in order with the battalion. Barrage fire requested on GROSSER STERN—HEIGHT 371 and FEENTAL.

Enemy said to have broken through at 103d. Counterattack by 103d in progress. Enemy who was in front of the line for 20 minutes driven off by 11th and 12th Companies 35th. 10th Company 35th shoved into a gap between 11th Company 103d and 11th Company 35th, where an opening had been made by giving way of 103d.

No attack thus far at 11th Company 35th. Barrage fire urgently called for on line: GROSSER STERN—HEIGHT 371—FEENTAL—EICHENMULDE.

This message forwarded at once to brigade and division by telephone.

12:35 P.M. 3d Battalion 35th reports that a battery is firing too short. Has been reported to artillery.

12:45 P.M. 3d Battalion 35th reports that situation at 103d is not yet cleared up. 11th Company 103d is with 12th Company 35th. 11th Company 35th reports it has again driven the enemy back. Our own artillery—apparently group Wachs—is firing short with “blue cross” gas up to rear of headquarters battle station. Report forwarded to brigade and division.

12:50 P.M. Orientation of 3d Battalion 207th and 207th Regiment.

1:05 P.M. Inquiry of 1st Battalion 35th gives: “Artillery activity very brisk.”

1:08 P.M. Inquiry by Group, from Army headquarters: “I am waiting for report of situation; prompt reply.”

2:00 P.M. 3d Battalion 35th reports: Destructive fire by both sides at GROSSER STERN; renewed American attack looked for.

2:20 P.M. 1st Battalion 103d reports that enemy has broken through on road to ETRAYE. Believe combat troops 103d surrounded.

1st Company 103d about to begin counterattack.

2:45 P.M. Brigade informed of conditions by Lieut. of Reserves Konagle.

2:55 P.M. Conversation between commander and commander 103d according to which enemy has broken through into the ETRAYE VALLEY and is on march to railway station BERGWALD.

3:05 P.M. Communication with 3d Battalion 35th with reference to foregoing conversation and order to reconnoiter in direction of BERGWALD and report result of patrol.

3:30 P.M. 3d Battalion 35th reports: Direction of line: 10th—11th Companies (front Southward); 1st Company 103d bent back somewhat: 3d Company 103d, bent slightly forward—junction with ETRAYE ROAD.

3:40 P.M. Communication with brigade re-established. Orientation of

situation: 389th Pioneer Company is placed at disposal of regiment as left flank support.

3:45 P.M. Pioneer Company placed. First Lieut. Behlman, 3d Battalion 35th asks for Pioneer Company to re-enforce his left flank. Pioneer Company ordered there.

4:00 P.M. 3d Battalion 207th reports battalion strength is reduced to 100 men.

4:00 P.M. 3d Battalion reports: All quiet at this time.

Enemy lies 200 meters in front 11th Company 35th; calls attention of regiment to written report of reserves that strength of battalion is giving out. Asks flyer reconnaissance to fix enemy's position. 43d Saxon Detachment, heretofore posted on the left, placed at disposal of regiment.

4:45 P.M. An officer of 48th Infantry Regiment arrives to look over situation. A battalion is at ALGER FERME and has orders to take position on KREIMHILD Position in case of alarm.

4:55 P.M. 3d Battalion 35th reports that attack is again made on 103d.

5:00 P.M. Proposal for relief of 3d Battalion 35.

5:10 P.M. An officers of 35th Landsturm Battalion enquires about situation

5:15 P.M. 3d Battalion 35th is notified and receives instructions: 389th Pioneer Company to be posted along side 11th and 12th Company and to draw these two together; 2 companies 3d Battalion 207th will be drawn up in rear of 3d Battalion 35th.

5:40 P.M. Brigade informed by telephone of situation and introduction of 389th Pioneer Company. 3d Battalion 207th is Group reserve and, pursuant to foregoing instructions, no longer under command of the regiment. 3d Battalion 207th advised of this by verbal order in advance.

5:50 P.M. Report received that railway station at BERGWALD is clear of enemy. Battalion is establishing itself on North slope of DIELEBERG—800 meters East from SILLON FONTAINE.

6:00 P.M. 3d Battalion 35th wants to arrange itself as follows: 12th and 11th Companies with 2 platoons pioneers with one machine gun; 9th and 10th Companies in front—remainder 9th and 10th in rear of left flank. One platoon pioneers at railway station BERGWALD.

6:00 P.M. Radio communication re-established. Comparative quiet since 6:00 A.M. We request artillery activity. No further infantry activity. 2d Machine Gun Sharpshooters Company of 43d has now: one platoon with 7th Company 35th; one with left wing 3d Battalion 35th; one with 6th Company 35th.

October 16, 1918. Place: As before. Weather: Fog, rain.

Quiet in the night and morning hours.

9:10 A.M. Moderate artillery fire on left flank 1st Battalion 35th.

9:50 A.M. Vigorous fire against sector 3d Battalion 35th; was immediately reported to brigade. Our own artillery fire demanded on GROSSER STERN and FEENTAL.

10:10 A.M. 1st Battalion 35th reports: Enemy is firing on EICHENTAL and left flank 2d Battalion 35th. Regiment orders fire of 1st Minenwerfers on EICHENTAL and on possible reconnoitering parties of enemy.

10:30 A.M. EICHEN HEIGHT is again under fire; brigade at same time advised of enemy's activity. Our artillery firing briskly at the same time.

10:35 A.M. 1st Battalion urgently calls for artillery fire on EICHENTAL

and KRONPRINZEN RAVINE. The battalion reports at the same time that machine gun fire is audible; two light machine guns are firing.

10:56 A.M. 3d Battalion 35th makes same report.

11:00 A.M. Left flank of regiment (2d and 3d Battalion) are under artillery fire. Fire audible at 3d Battalion. Heavy fire against all ravines requested.

11:15 A.M. Machine gun fire becoming more vigorous.

11:45 A.M. 3d Battalion 35th reports enemy attack driven off. Line is held. Reported at once to brigade and division.

12:45 P.M. Patrol report has come in (3d Battalion, 35th) with chart and one enemy machine gun. The (American?) 110th and 129th Regiments appear from this.

12:50 P.M. Our artillery fired 6 shots too short at 2d Battalion 35th.

12:55 P.M. 3d Battalion 35th reports that reserve platoon 389th Pioneer Company has gone to rear to KALKOFEN LAGER. Report forwarded to brigade.

1:15 P.M. Written report going to brigade: With reference to activities of battalion up to this time; causes of deficient intelligence service; that pigeons cannot fly in fog; field telegraph apparently not in order at brigade; reports in reference to increasing sickness and bloody losses. Total strength of 3d Battalion 35th, exclusive of machine gun company: 20 non-coms, 110 men; three successive enemy attacks already repulsed by 3d Battalion 35th today. Early relief requested.

1:20 P.M. 3d Battalion 35th reports enemy has been repulsed three times at position of 2d Battalion 35th. Shrill whistle signals audible at FEENTAL and KOBOLD RAVINE; destructive fire on those places requested. Report forwarded in writing to brigade. Minenwerfer fire laid against those points.

1:30 P.M. 3d Battalion reports renewed enemy attack from same direction as this morning. Machine gun fire from left flank. Urgent demand for artillery.

1:32 P.M. Fire against GROSSER STERN etc., requested of artillery group.

1:40 P.M. 3d Battalion Infantry: attack from South and Southwest again in progress. 5th Company under heavy fire.

1:50 P.M. Enemy again attacks at 3d Battalion 35th. 11th Company 103d retreating; left flank 2d Battalion 35th also forced back. Both platoons 389th Pioneer Company going to rear and attempts made to stop them.

2:00 P.M. Commander confers with brigade commander about field telegraph interruption with brigade. Requests situation be cleared up with adjacent brigade and something done about it.

2:15 P.M. 3d Battalion 35th reports: Lieut. reserves Noack (company commander) and Reste, 3d Battalion 35th wounded. Line drawn in, runs over *w*. Fight at railway station BERGWALD. Right flank 12th Company 35th lies 200 meters Northward *n* between *n—h*. Whether there is a company there is not clear. Both platoons 389th Pioneer are posted there to close an apparent gap.

2:40 P.M. General staff officer at division headquarters advised of situation with request to forward to brigade.

2:45 P.M. Conference with brigade; situation not cleared up.

2:55 P.M. Inquiry of 1st Battalion 35th regarding situation. Everything in order there. Is being informed of situation at 3d Battalion 35th.

3:00 P.M. 9th Company 207th placed at disposal of the regiment, (by telephone from brigade).

3:05 P.M. 3d Battalion receives orders to set 9th Company in march to battle station.

3:00 P.M. 3d Battalion in reply to inquiry reports that nothing peculiar is observable in front of sector. Connection on right and left exists.

3:20 P.M. By order: aside from 9th Company 207th, staff 3d Battalion 207th with 104th and 12th Company 207th, and 395th Pioneer Company available to restore the situation of the regiment.

3:25 P.M. 3d Battalion 207th and 395th Pioneer Company receive order to proceed to regimental staff headquarters. 395th Pioneer Company received its order only at 4:15.

3:20 P.M. Inquiry of 3d Battalion 35th where 3d Battalion 207th can be best posted for counterattack (in line *f—h*). 395th Pioneer Company is posted in rear of left flank 3d Battalion 35th.

3:35 P.M. Division advised of contemplated counterattack and position of 3d Battalion 207th.

3:40 P.M. Commander 3d Battalion 207th arrives and receives order to advance to counterattack.

3:55 P.M. 1st Battalion receives order to clear up situation on left.

4:00 P.M. 2d Battalion 35th reports situation in order there.

4:02 P.M. 2d Battalion 35th reports: Connection with 11th Company 103d made at *h*. 12th Company 35th has connection with 7th Company 35th. No junction between them yet; 3d Battalion 207th to go there and close gap.

4:05 P.M. Regiment advised of situation.

4:15 P.M. From brigade: "General Headquarters calls attention to great importance of GROSSER STERN" and succeeds in arranging for retaking the H.W.L. by counterattack.

4:20 P.M. 3d Battalion 59th to open fire in 30 minutes on front of old H.W.L., because that is to be retaken by counterattack.

4:21 P.M. 3d Battalion reports that our artillery is firing 500 meters too short in rear of our own line. Fire is stopped.

4:30 P.M. 1st Battalion 103d advised of direction of line in sector.

4:50 P.M. Report from sharpshooters 3d Company 43d that 1st Platoon has been rendered incapacitated for fighting (at GROSSER STERN). Replacement of machine gun force is being attended to.

5:10 P.M. 3d Battalion 207th with three companies set up for counterattack. Reported by home pigeons to brigade.

6:15 P.M. Arrival 395th Pioneer Company at regiment battle station. Is set in march for 3d Battalion 35th and stays there as regimental reserve.

6:30 P.M. Artillery informed by field telegraph to deliver its fire in order to make counterattack possible.

6:35 P.M. 1st Battalion 35th advised of situation. 3d Battalion 207th reports: Our artillery still firing too short. Counterattack therefore not yet possible.

7:05 P.M. Patrol of 1st Battalion 35th comes back without result because of heavy fire placed on trenches of 2d Battalion 35th.

7:15 P.M. 3d Battalion 35th reports direction of line: right 200 meters Northward *n* lie parts of 12th, 11th, 9th and 10th Companies assembled as one Company; 11/103d, 12/207th,—one platoon 395th Pioneer Company, one pla-

teon pioneers in their rear. Also, on continuation of line to right connection is made with 7th Company, 35th.

8:10 P.M. Brigade informed of direction of line and deferred counter-attack.

8:45 P.M. Order to attack on the 17th issued in advance to the brigade. The line *n—w* is to be taken and held.

8:55 P.M. One battalion 177th Regiment has arrived and been placed under orders of the regiment.

10:30 P.M. Division is notified of postponement of counterattack and its beginning at 7 A.M. 17th.

11:30 P.M. Commander 3d Battalion 207th calls attention to the condition of his men and gives expression to doubts of chances of success in the attack.

October 17, 1918. Place: As before. Weather: Fog, rain.

4:00 A.M. Report to brigade: Enemy artillery firing briskly on 1st Battalion 35th. The firing is remarkable on account of use of guns not heretofore recognized. 1st Battalion 35th expects enemy attacks today.

6:00 A.M. Vigorous enemy artillery activity.

7:00 A.M. Left wing begins counterattack.

7:30 A.M. According to report of 2d Battalion 177th, it has moved forward about 300 meters and is making further progress. No report yet regarding junction with right flank.

8:00 A.M. Commander reports to division headquarters: 2d Battalion 177th has reached *w* in ETZEL Position; 2d Battalion 207th has orders to make junction with 2d Battalion 177th; inquiry whether pioneer company may be brought into position.

8:00 A.M. Commander 1st Battalion 35th reports that it is doubtful if position can be held account condition of the men. Report forwarded to division.

8:20 A.M. Report to division: 3d Battalion 207th has been exposed in three counterattacks to well placed rifle and shell fire. Attack is stalled.

9:00 A.M. Report to division: 3d Battalion 207th is still at its starting point—approximately in line West Road *h*. Cannot go further forward account machine gun fire, and companies very weak.

395th Pioneer Company not yet placed in position. Division places 1st Battalion 48th and 2 companies of regiment at disposal and advances 9:50 A.M. 395th Pioneer Company is, after arrival 1st Battalion 48th, to be set in march to KALKOFEN LAGER.

9:35 A.M. 1st Battalion 35th transfers its fighting station on account of exposure to severe fire, 400 meters North to the bushes at *i—h* square 0857.

9:55 A.M. HOHER EICHENBERG receiving severe fire attacks.

10:00 A.M. Commander inquires of division headquarters if 2d Company 48th can again be put in because position cannot be otherwise restored. Answer: Since a gap is there, 2 companies are to be put in to close it.

11:20 A.M. Staff 1st Battalion 48th arrives and is sent to commander of close combat troops 3d Battalion 35th, which is the commander's station.

11:35 A.M. Both companies 48th proceed to commander front line troops. Transfer of battle position 1st Battalion 35th is reported to brigade.

12:00 noon. Brigade orders 2d Battalion 177th to step under command of the 63d Infantry Brigade, and is informed of situation. At the same time staff 3d Battalion 207th and 1st Battalion 48th close gap between *w* and *o*, and seek junction with 177th and junction from *o—n* to 3d Battalion 207th

which has junction on right with 2d Battalion 35th. Change in line to take place at 1 P.M.

395th Pioneer Company released at 12 noon and goes to KALKOFEN LAGER.

1:00 P.M. Our own artillery begins vigorous fire. Enemy artillery delivers moderate fire against front lines.

2:10 P.M. 2d and 5th Companies 48th have, in junction with 2d Battalion 177th (now relieved by 11th Company 103d) taken position on section *w—o* and made junction with 2d Battalion 207th. Enemy resistance slight. Situation with 3d Battalion 207th not yet clear.

3:15 P.M. Order for relief of regiment arrives. Relief by parts 207th and 48th, night Oct. 17/18.

3:45 P.M. Field telegraph report to brigade about run of line and connections. Line 200 meters Northward—*n*—100 meters North *o—w*—. Distribution: 7th Company 35th, 9th Company 207th, 11th and 12th Companies 207th, 2d and 3d Companies 48th—11th Company 103d.

Directly South of *o* there is a stubborn resistance by enemy machine guns.

5:00 P.M. 1st Battalion 48th reports junction restored without gap. 1st Battalion 48th has connection on right with 12th Company 207th.

8:00 P.M. Order from brigade: After completing relief, 2d Battalion 35th takes post at PRINCE WALDECK LAGER.

10:00 P.M. Heavy infantry and machine gun fire becomes audible. Barrage fire called for.

10:25 P.M. Machine gun fire has ceased. Only a few isolated shots.

10:45 P.M. Field telegraph reports to brigade: After heavy firing quiet again prevails in sector.

11:00 P.M. Brigade reports that enemy has broken in at nearest adjacent company. Three companies have begun counterattack there. Regiment is to cover the left flank. The night otherwise passed very quietly. Brisk artillery fire on BERGWALD until dawn of day.

October 18, 1918. Place: WALDECK CAMP, East of ECUREY. Weather: Cool, sunny.

5:40 A.M. Relief operation completed. Regiment relinquishes command of sector to 48th, at 9:30 A.M. Staff arrives at PRINCE WALDECK CAMP at 10:15 A.M. At 12 noon the commanding general of the division distributes iron crosses in the camp.

9:30—10:30 evening. Camp under fire.

October 20, 1918. Place: As above. Weather: Rainy.

Camp under fire all day. A direct hit strikes barracks of 3d Battalion at 6:30 P.M.

October 21, 1918. Place: As above.

Complete readiness for action ordered. His excellency the commanding general von Soden in conference with the commander in the camp at noon.

October 22, 1918. Place: As above, and later at KALKOFEN CAMP near REVILLE. Weather: Cloudy, windy.

Increased readiness for action. Camp again under fire. Brigade order received at 4:00 P.M. that regiment is again to be put in position between 207th and 48th Regiments, with 2 battalions in front line and one in reserve.

October 23, 1918. Place: As above. Weather: Warm, sunny.

From 5:30 A.M. on increased readiness for action. Contemplated relief

is suspended, because attack expected. Severe enemy artillery fire in front since 6:30 A.M. Orders arrived at 9:10 A.M. that 2d and 3d Battalions with staff get ready to take position on the KREIMHILD Position. Staff arrives at KALKOFEN CAMP at 11:30 A.M. and its arrival is reported to division by wire. In conference with 48th. No attacks are made, only enemy patrols which were driven back. Enemy artillery has become quiet. 2d Battalion with staff arrives in camp at 12:30 P.M. with Minenwerfer Company and 6 minenwerfers and anti-tank guns. By order of brigade, 1st Battalion in square 0959 wi—p, is to be shoved forward to be at disposition of the 1st Infantry Division. 2d Battalion ordered to proceed to place indicated. 3d Battalion goes for the night into camp at PRINCE WALDECK.

October 24, 1918. Place: As above, later PRINCE WALDECK CAMP. Weather: Cloudy.

Increased readiness for action at 5:30 A.M. At noon order for relief as directed Oct. 22, reaches battalions at noon, but at 12:10 order is received that relief of regiment is postponed 24 hours. Day passed quietly until afternoon, from that time on brisk artillery activity into rear areas.

3d Battalion receives orders to return to PRINCE WALDECK CAMP and arrives there at 8 P.M.

October 25, 1918. Place: As above; later, battle position square 0758. Weather: Cool, cloudy, windy.

Night passed quietly. 3d Battalion again takes position in readiness for action in the KREIMHILD Position at 6:30 A.M. At 8:00 P.M. order arrives that relief has been suspended on account of other changes. 1st Battalion remains at KALKOFEN CAMP. 3d Battalion returns to PRINCE WALDECK CAMP.

12:20 P.M. Order arrives for 3d Battalion 35th to be Group Reserve at KALKOFEN CAMP.

October 26, 1918. Place: PRINCE WALDECK CAMP. Weather: Cloudy.

Regimental staff arrives in camp because their battle stand is not yet ready. In the evening the regiment is shoved in between 207th and 48th and relieves parts of both regiments. Relief accomplished reported by 1st Battalion at 9:45 and by 3d at 10:00 P.M. Regiment has taken over the sector and reported transfer of command to the brigade.

October 27, 1918. Place: As above. Weather: Cloudy.

Night fairly quiet. Enemy put KALKOFEN CAMP under fire at 15-minute intervals. Artillery activity during the day at times very brisk. Short, volley-like firing attacks on left [of?] regimental sector. 3d Machine Gun Company relieved at 7:00 P.M. and 1st at 8:30 P.M.

October 28, 1918 }

October 29, 1918 }

October 30, 1918 }

Place: As above. Weather: Hazy, cloudy.

During the night sector of left company was under fire at short intervals. In the night to Oct. 30, Sergeant Major Ernst made a prisoner on KRON-PRINZEN HEIGHT, by whom presence of 15th French Colonial Division was established.

October 31, 1918. Place: As above. Weather: Forenoon, foggy; afternoon, sunny and warm.

During night brisk enemy artillery fire that was kept up all day. Enemy kept trenches in sector under light fire attack, but artillery positions, roads of

approach, and camps as well as distant rear areas were kept under severe fire.

Our artillery, during the night, placed KRONPRINZEN HEIGHT and rear areas under fire attacks. Fire lessened during the day. Flyer activity very lively. Flyers cleared situation and fired on batteries. Patrols found KRONPRINZEN HEIGHT and EICHENTAL clear of the enemy.

Regimental staff reached its new fighting stand at 2:45 P.M. Increased readiness for action is ordered from 2:30 on.

(Sgd) A. MOHN.

Major, Commanding the Regiment.

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Regimental fighting stand, Nov. 3, 1918.

(Sgd) A. MOHN,

Major, Commanding the Regiment.

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Extracts from the War Diary of the Com-
mander of the Artillery of the
228th Infantry Division
7 to 31 October,
1918

October, 7, 1918. VITTARVILLE. Weather: Good.

Expenditure of ammunition, light. Desultory firing by the enemy on rearward areas, roads HESSENPLATZ and FLABAS and ammunition depot HESSENKESSEL at LISSEY. Our own activity confined to desultory firing on the road VACHERAUVILLE and SAMOGNEUX, supply depot at GRANATENTAL. Division is in marching order and transfers command again to the 15th Infantry Division and the 1st Austro-Hungarian Infantry Division at 5 A.M. Oct. 10. See fighting reports 833, 831, Div. order No. 12, Artillery order No. 12.

October 8, 1918. MOUZAY. Weather: Good.

March on foot to MOUZAY to MEUSE—West. Severe enemy fire during the night Oct. 7/8. Desultory fire followed in the morning by strong attacks against the first adjacent division.

92d Battalion had to abandon one 10 cm and two 1st field howitzers 15th on account of too severe enemy fire and advancing enemy attack.

October 9, 1918. REMOIVILLE. Weather: Good.

Division again joins Group MEUSE—East and returns to the 1st Austrian Infantry Division, sector SAMOGNEUX. March on foot to REMOIVILLE. For artillery distribution see Appendix 13. Assumption of command of sector 1:00 P.M. Oct. 10. Staff and battery 3d Foot Artillery Regiment is placed at the disposal of the division. The detachments of 39th and 92d Foot Artillery return to the division. See division order 13, Artillery order 13, artillery distribution 13.

October 10, 1918. REMOIVILLE.

Installation in the morning with 1st Austro-Hungarian Infantry Division. Assumed command of the artillery of the sector at 1:00 P.M. Enemy and our own activity slight.

October 11, 1918. REMOIVILLE. Weather. Good.

Expenditure of ammunition kept within moderate limits. Enemy fire on roads of approach and ravines. Our artillery confined itself to fire on KRONPRINZENTAL, TURKEN RAVINE, grounds South KRONPRINZEN HEIGHTS, and made gas fire attacks on Western part MOLLEVILLE RAVINE. Destructive fire on EICHENTAL.

October 12, 1918. REMOIVILLE. Weather: Good.

For report expenditure ammunition see appendix M.

October 13, 1918. Enemy's and our own activity lively.

October 14, 1918. Weather and ammunition expenditure as above.

Enemy's and our own activity slight. The Austrian batteries are pulling out.

October 15, 1918. REMOIVILLE. Weather and ammunition expenditure as above.

On account of hazy condition, enemy's and our own activity limited to desultory firing. Toward evening activity of both more intense. The 4th Battery, 9th Foot Artillery with staff, and 6th Battery, 59th Reserve Field Artillery Regiment with 1st and 3d Detachments, are assigned to the division.

October 16, 1918. REMOIVILLE. Weather and ammunition as above.

Slight activity during the night on both sides. Activity increased from 8:15 A.M. on. At 1:45 P.M. our artillery delivered destructive fire on KOBOLD and FEEN RAVINES at request of the infantry brigade. In the afternoon, call of the infantry for barrage fire was responded to by us in front of 35th Fusilier Regiment.

October 17, 1918. Weather and expenditure as above.

Enemy activity very lively. Our batteries participated in the counterattack of the 3d Battalion 207th.

October 18, 1918. REMOIVILLE. Weather and ammunition expenditure as before.

Enemy activity especially toward noon, very brisk. Enemy partial attack followed. Aside from destructive and desultory fire the close combat group carried on a searching fire against EICHENTAL. At 10:30 the batteries opened destructive fire on red light balls and machine gun fire. Staff 2d Bavarian Reserve, 3d and 5th Batteries, became supreme headquarters reserve.

October 19, 1918. REMOIVILLE. Weather and ammunition expenditure as before.

Visibility: Very cloudy. Enemy activity confined wholly to desultory firing. Own and enemy activity very slight. 3d Bavarian Reserve is taking position.

October 20, 1918. REMOIVILLE. Visibility cloudy.

Enemy activity confined to desultory firing. Our own artillery the same, and in addition delivered destructive fire against road crossings 1156/20. Field artillery and regimental staff 59th and 4th and 9th Reserve Foot Artillery Battalions, and staff are placed at disposal of general headquarters.

October 21, 1918. REMOIVILLE. Weather: Good. For expenditure ammunition see Appendix M.

Enemy and own activity limited to desultory fire. Batteries 2/39th, 6/59th, and 2/92d are taken out for 14 days training. 6th Bavarian Reserve 5th become Army Group Reserve.

October 22, 1918. REMOIVILLE. Weather and expenditure ammunition as above.

Enemy and own activity slight.

October 23, 1918. REMOIVILLE. Weather: Good. Visibility: Very foggy.

Enemy artillery activity revived during the night. Heavy enemy fire has prevailed since 6:30 A.M. on our infantry line from HOHEN EICHENBERG to ETRAYE KNOLL. Enemy attacks against 48th Infantry Regiment and sector 32d Infantry Division were driven off. Enemy fire languished toward evening. Our own artillery delivered destructive fire since 7 A.M. in front of

left sector and to assist 32d Infantry Division. All attacks were repelled. The anti-tank detachment of MEUSE—East is assigned to the division. It joins the close combat group.

October 24, 1918. REMOIVILLE. Weather and ammunition expenditure as above.

Own and enemy activity limited to weak desultory fire.

October 25, 1918. REMOIVILLE. Weather and ammunition expenditure as above.

Own and enemy activity as on 24th.

October 26, 1918. REMOIVILLE. Weather and ammunition expenditure as above.

Nothing of special importance. Activity as on days previous.

October 27, 1918. REMOIVILLE. Weather and ammunition expenditure as above.

Own and enemy activity as on previous days.

October 28, 1918. REMOIVILLE. Weather and ammunition expenditure as on previous days.

During the night, in consequence of relief of a division on opposite side, severe fire was delivered against roads, roads of approach. Comparative quiet during the day.

October 29, 1918. REMOIVILLE. Weather and ammunition expenditure as on the 27th.

October 30, 1918. REMOIVILLE. Weather: Good, hazy.

Enemy fire more brisk than on previous days. Our own artillery delivered a number of search fire volleys against battery nests.

October 31, 1918. REMOIVILLE. Weather and ammunition expenditure as before.

Remarkable enemy activity. Fire on rearward villages, especially at JAMETZ. Our own artillery fired yellow cross [mustard gas] and barrage fire to an extent of 40 howitzer rounds before the front, and interrupted the camps and areas of preparation for assembly with yellow cross.

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ARTILLERY SITUATION OF AUSTRIAN 1ST INF DIVISION

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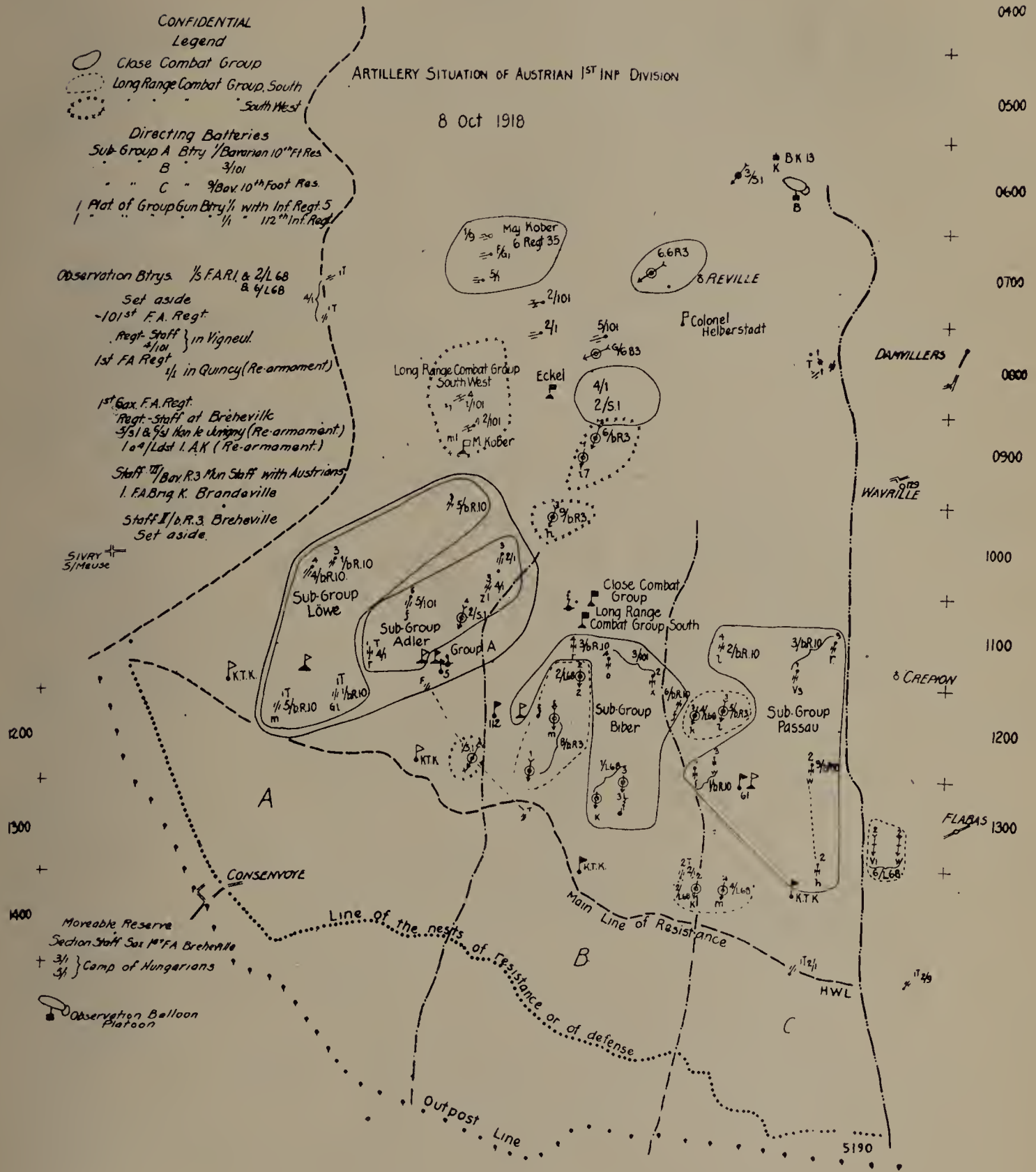
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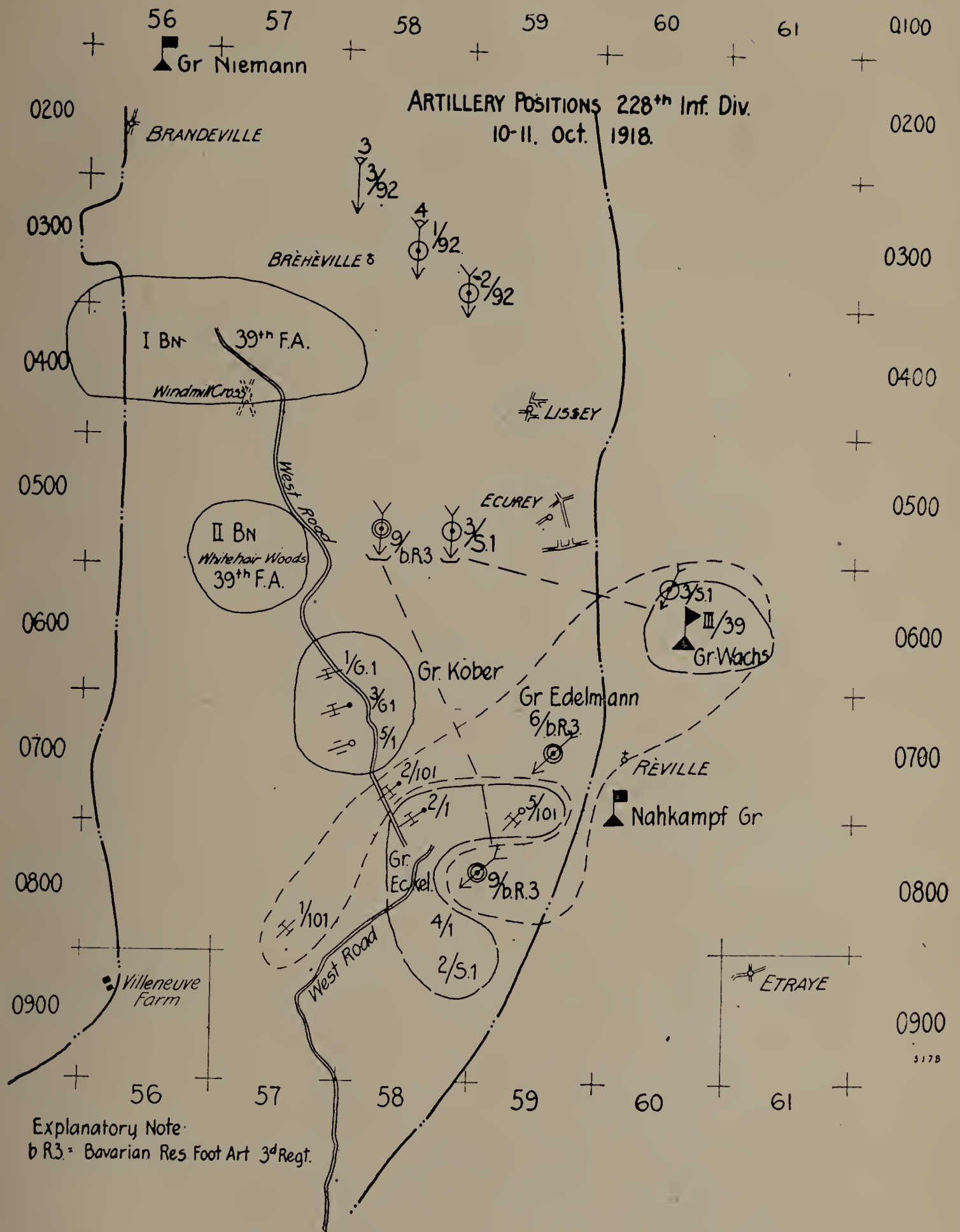
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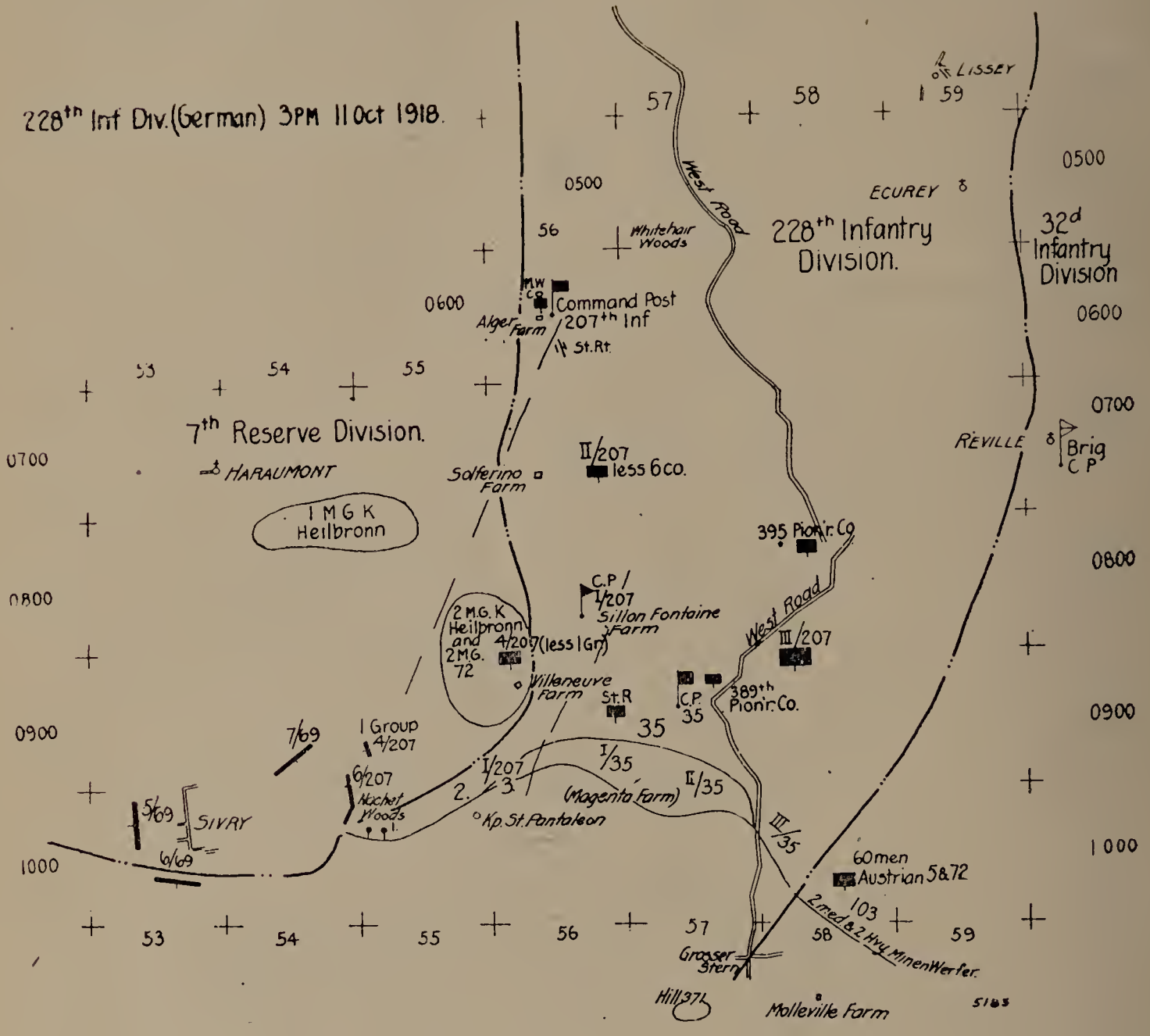
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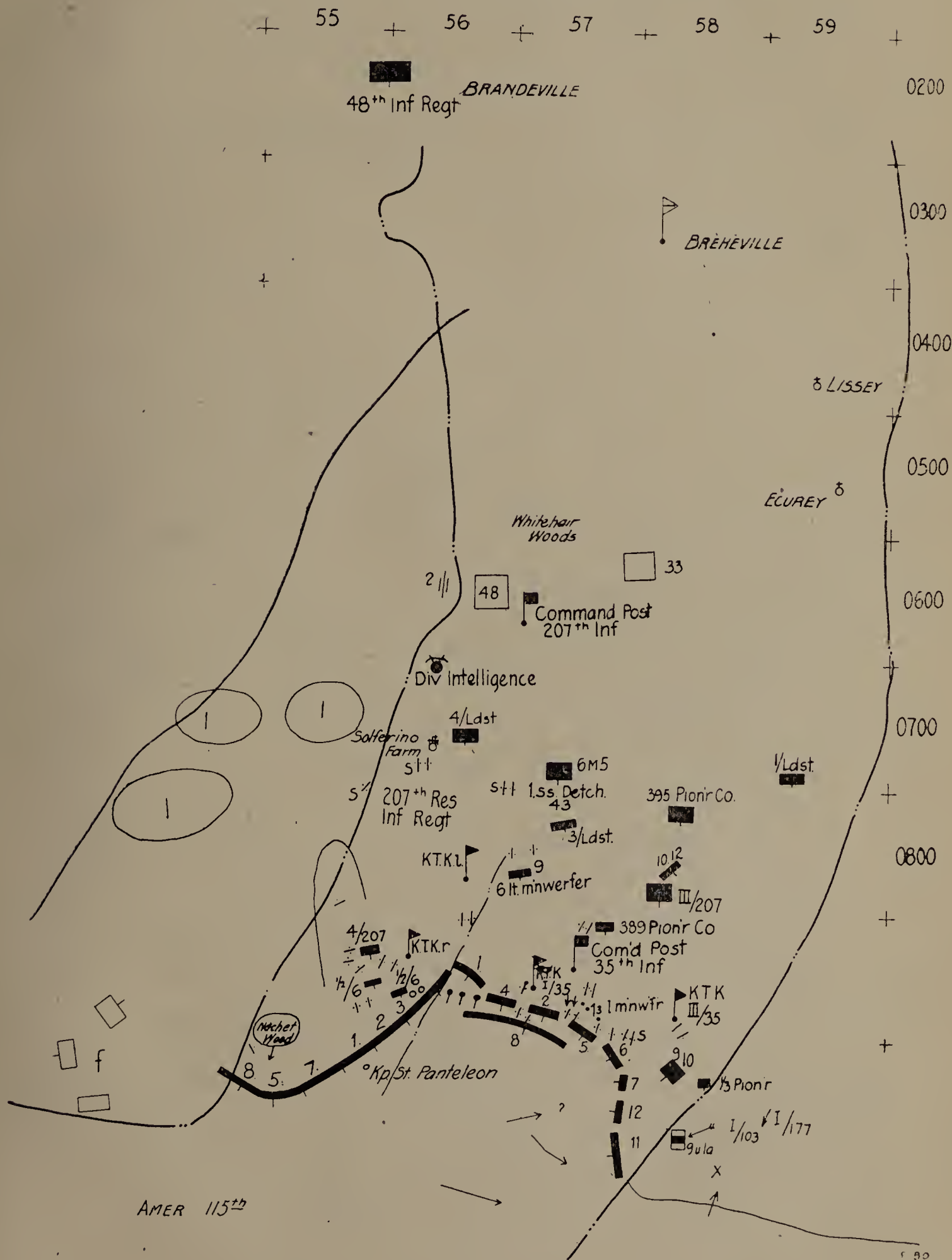
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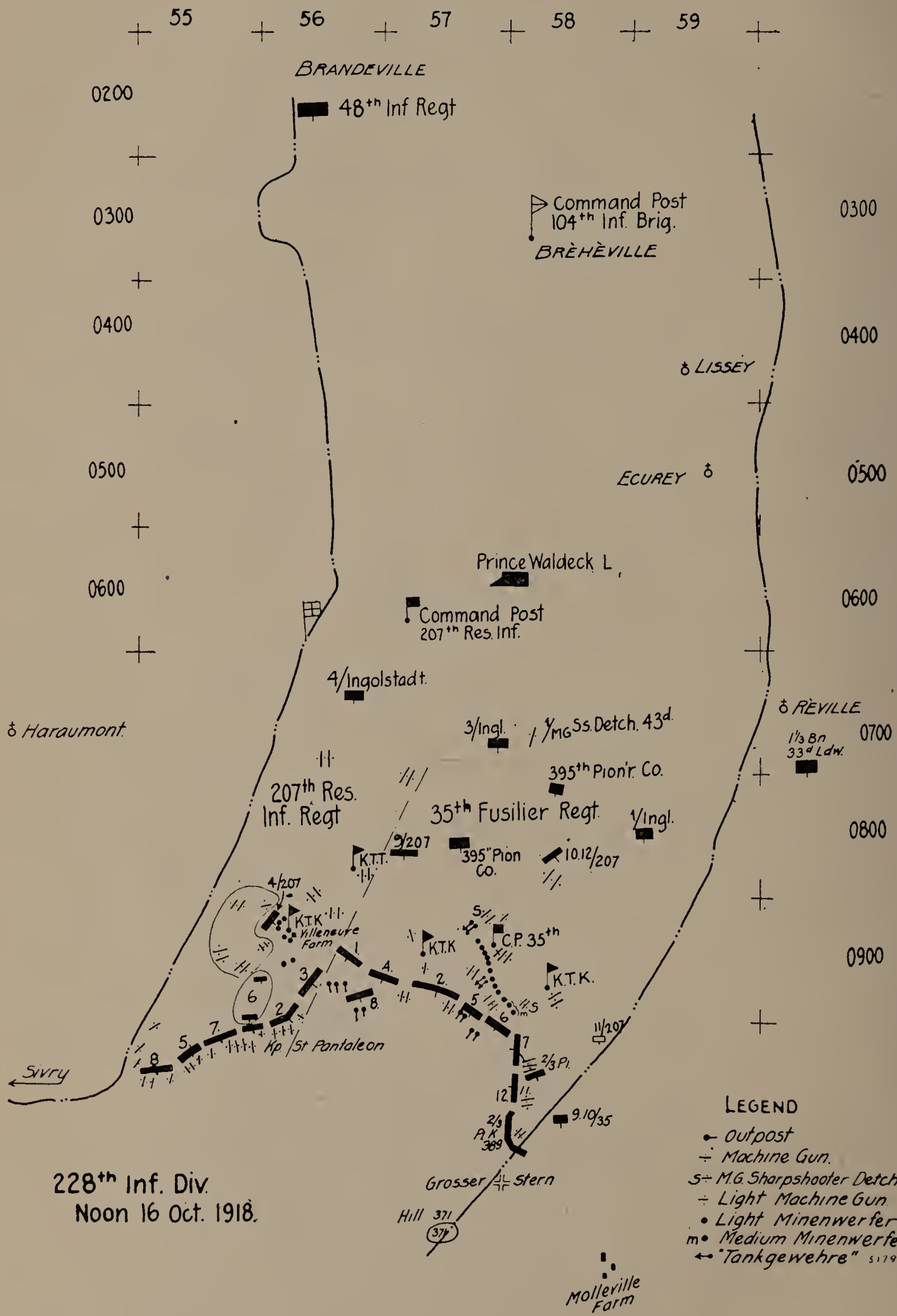


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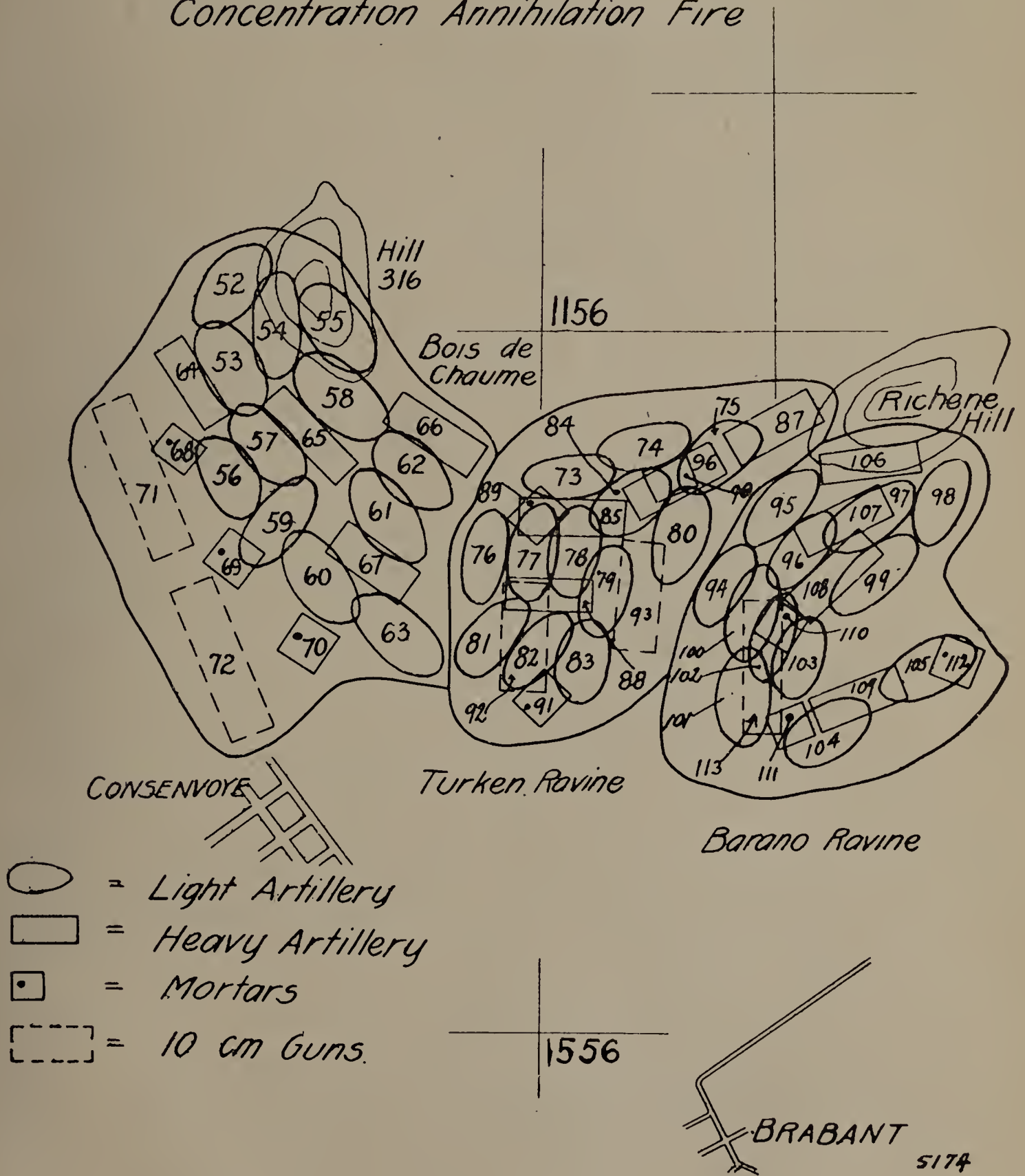
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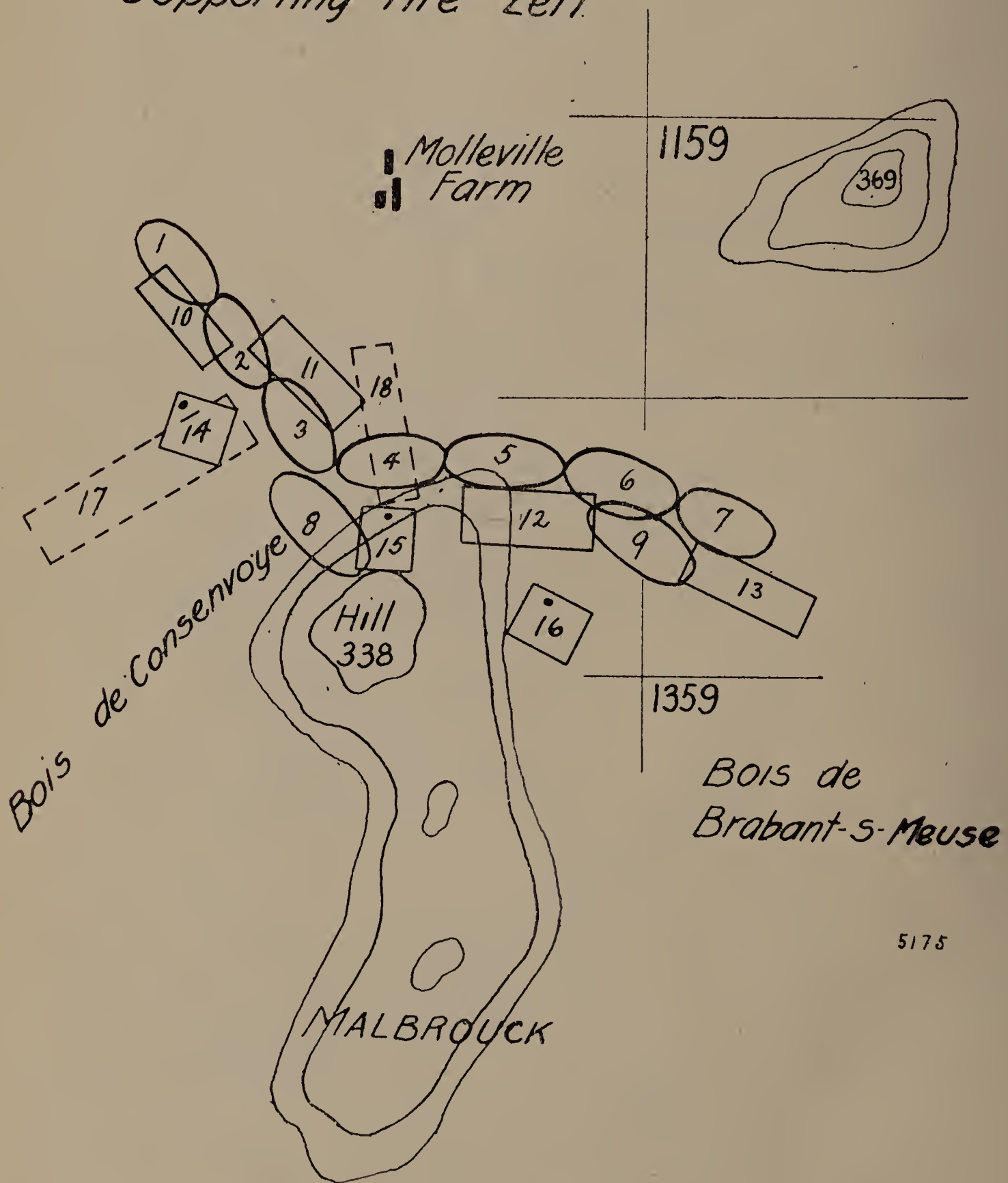
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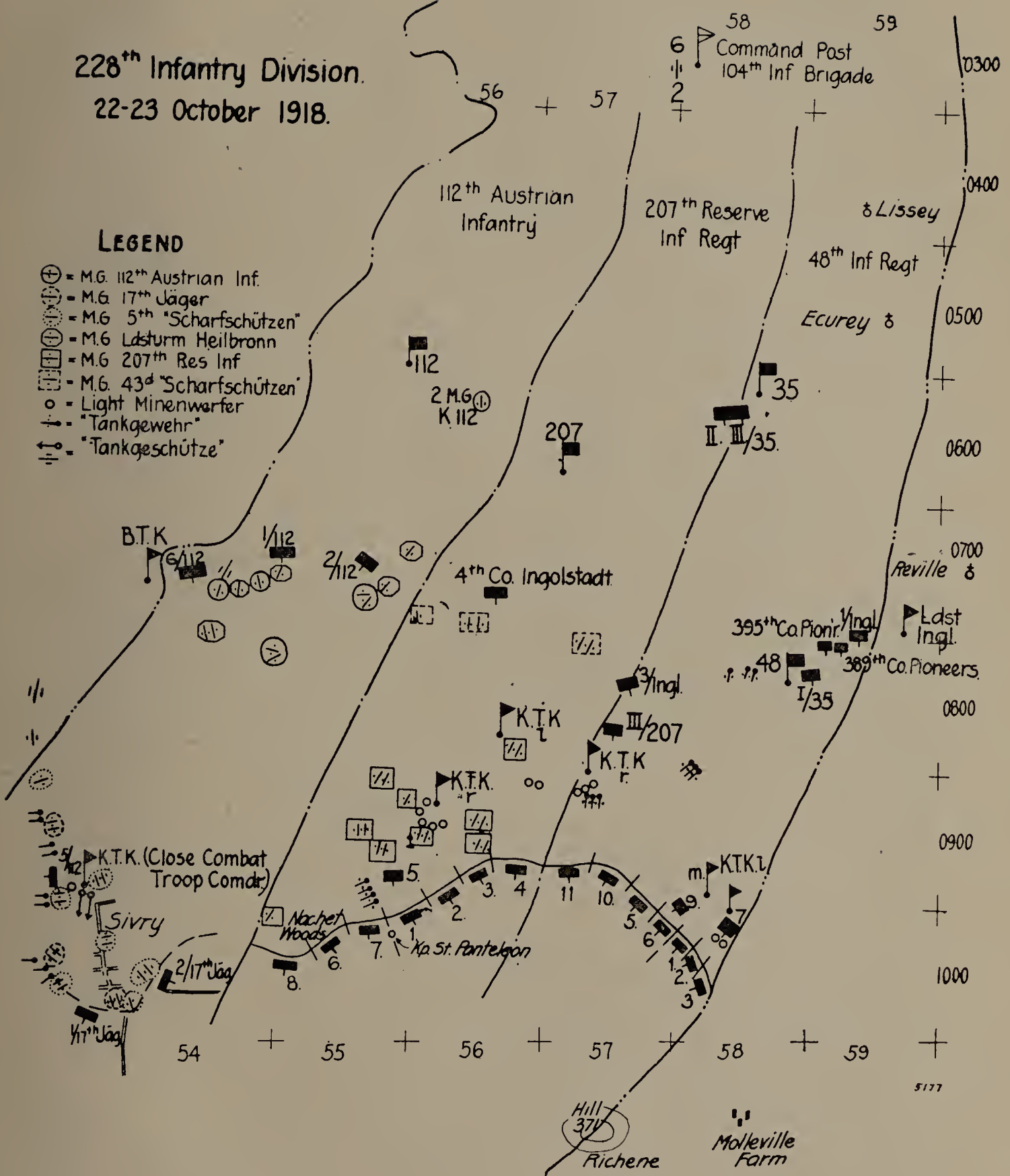
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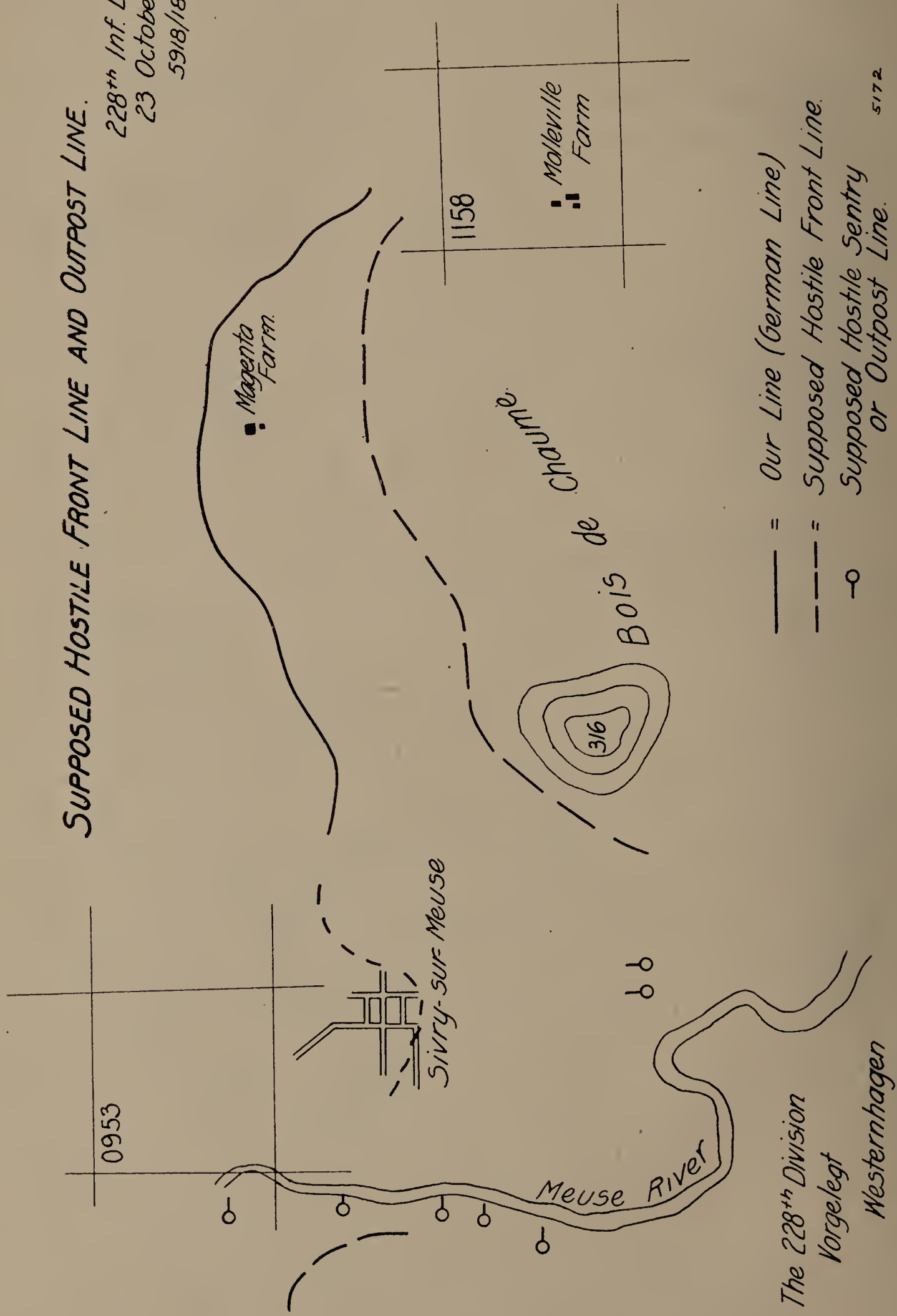
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228th Inf. Div.
23 October 1918.
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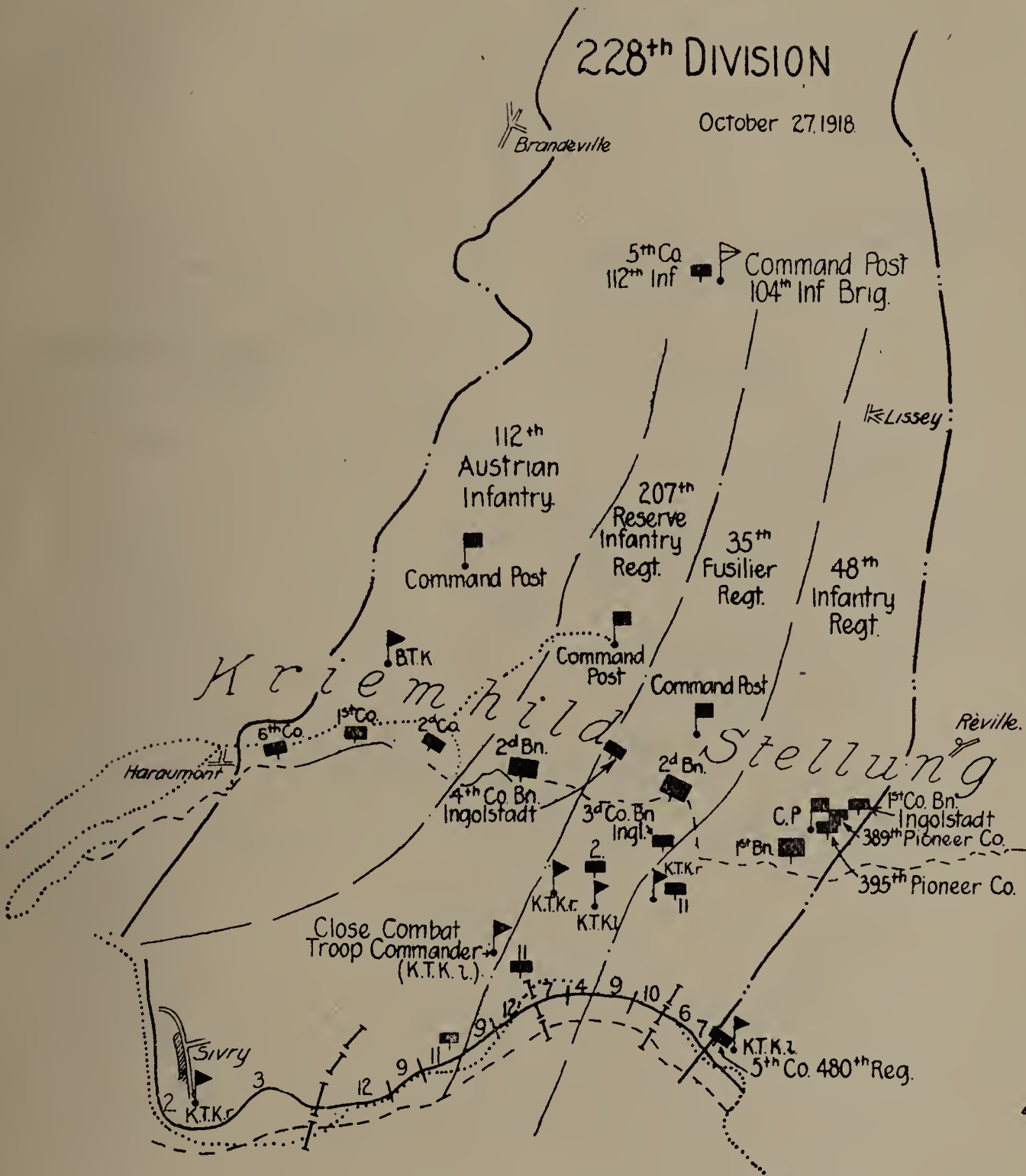
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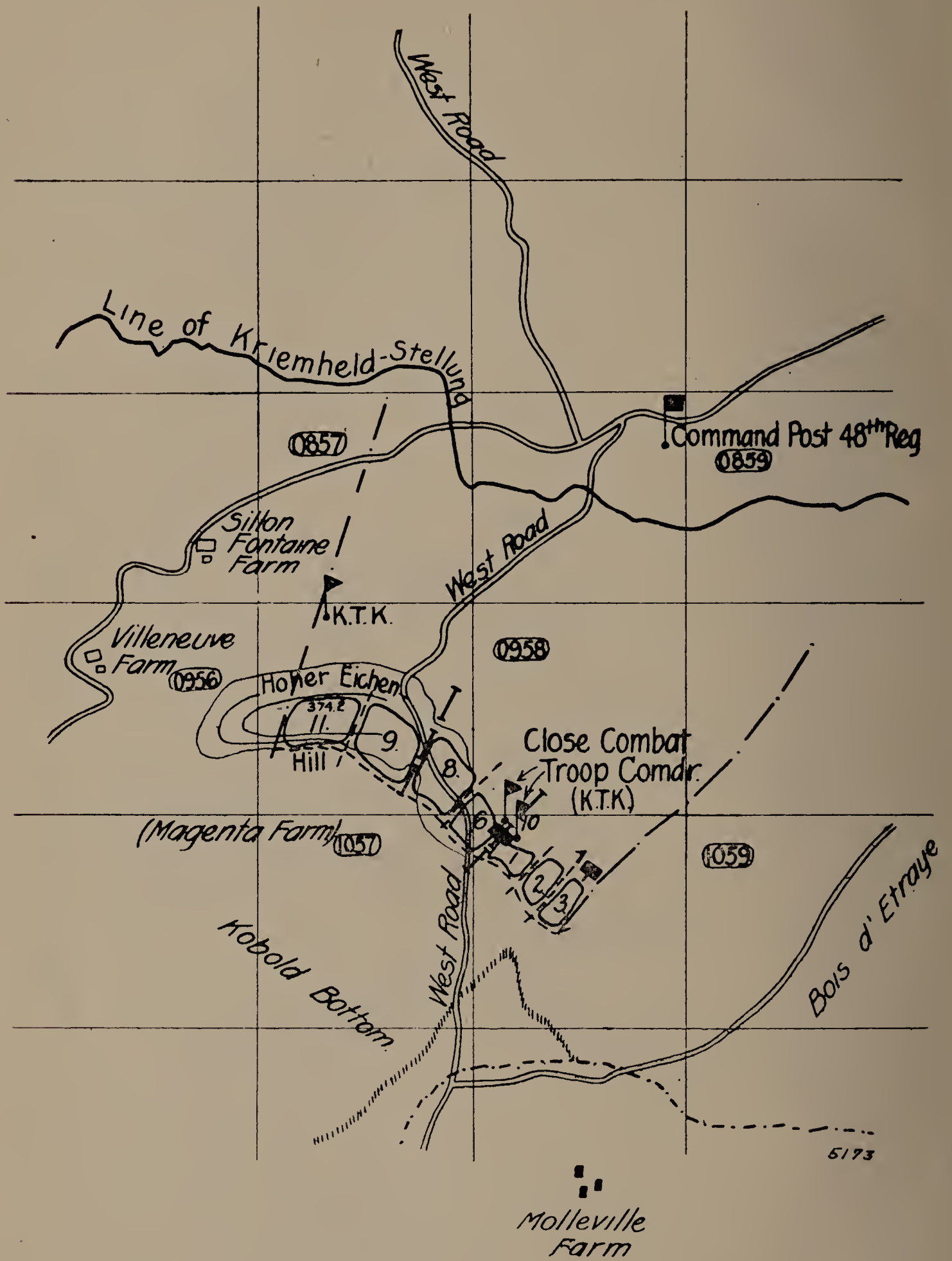
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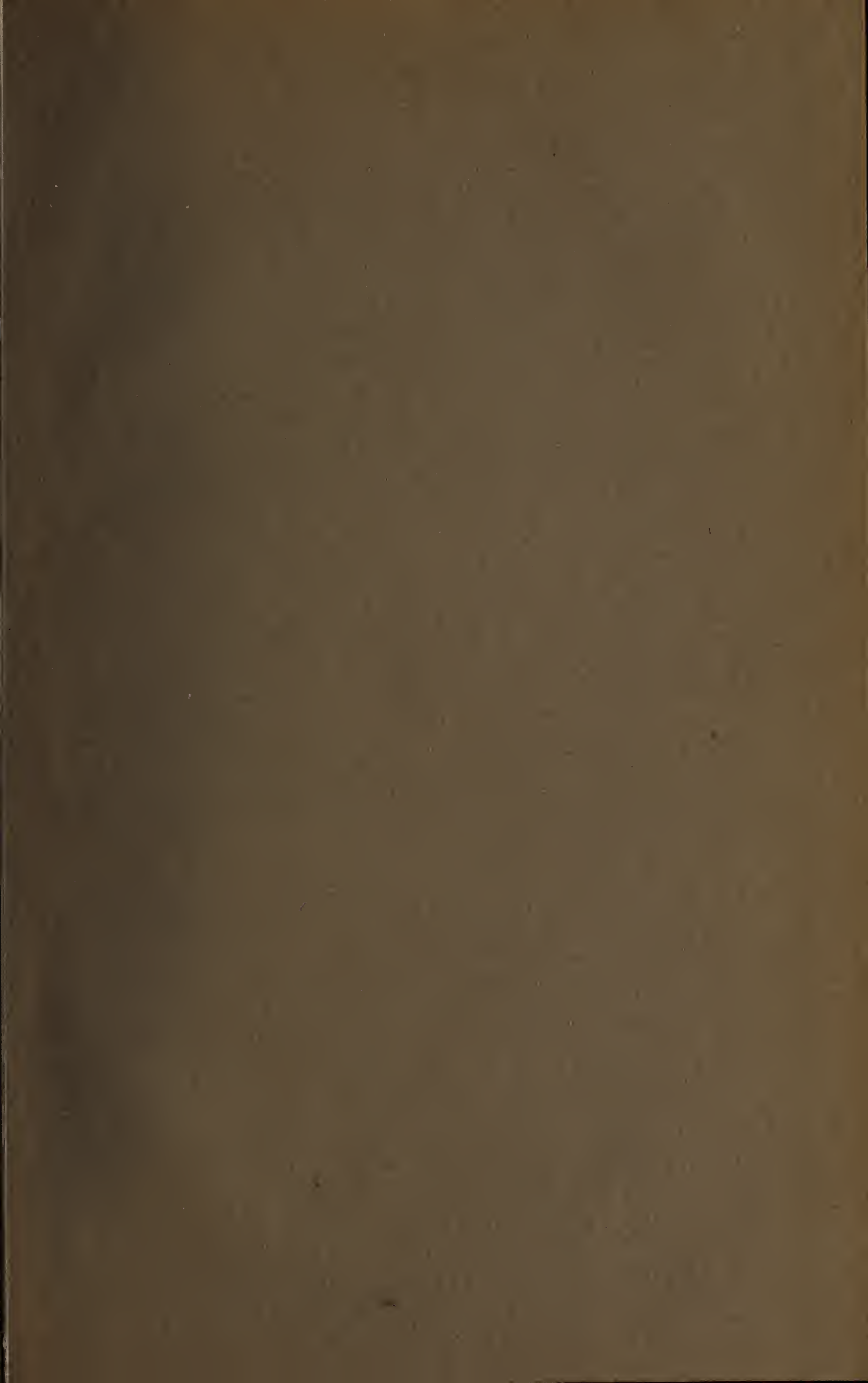
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